

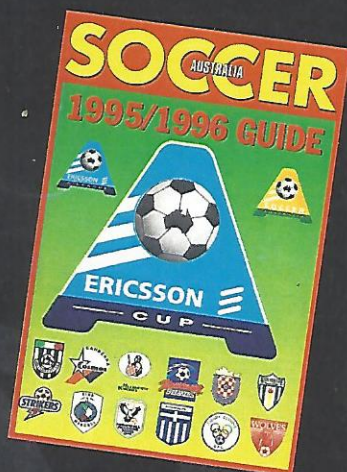
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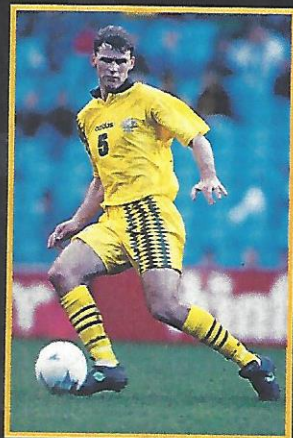
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I recall in one of my earlier editorial columns saying that David Hill, chairman of Soccer Australia, was facing an enormous challenge in trying to reshape Australian soccer, and that only time would tell if the new-look administration was on track.

Since then we have seen the sort of changes which, I believe, have paved the way for Australian soccer to reach new heights and, by the year 2000, become a prosperous and major sport in this country.

On the eve of an exciting new era in the sport, what is needed most now is for the clubs in the A League to set themselves high goals and go about delivering what the public wants – entertaining, attacking, high quality football.

We cannot lose sight of the fact that we are producing talented players in this country like never before, and these players need the support of their clubs, administrators, journalists and, most of all, the supporters who turn up week in week out.

We begin this edition of Soccer Australia along these lines with a piece from Roy Hay who gives a run down on the many talented youngsters emerging around the country. It's a piece that highlights the fact that despite many of our stars are going overseas

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to make their fortune, there are quality players ready, willing and able to take their place.

Hay's report ties in with Sam Prenesti's story on the recent introduction of traineeships for young soccer players. It's a much needed initiative which has been welcomed by just about everybody involved in the game – a rare achievement indeed in Australian soccer.

Pay television is set to become an integral part of our lives, and we look at the recent deal between Soccer Australia and Optus Vision to cover the A League. In the

same article, Greg Bowes looks at some of the major players in the soccer print media and electronic media.

We also pay tribute to Zeljko Kalac, one of our favourites at this magazine and one of the favourites with Australian crowds.

Kalac has become the latest Coca-Cola Socceroo to find his fortune overseas courtesy of a \$1.7 million transfer to Leicester City in England.

As the European Champions' Cup starts to hot up, Patrick Mangan gives his analysis of the various teams competing for top honours. Philip Micallef looks at "Serie A" in Italy and we will provide full fixtures for the English, German, Italian, French, Spanish and Dutch leagues.

And just to reinforce our commitment to the local game, Soccer Australia brings you our 24 page full colour guide to the Ericsson Cup so you can follow all the action.

All in all Soccer Australia continues to provide you with the best coverage of the local game.

Finally I would like to thank the team here at Soccer Australia for their dedicated effort, and we all wish the fans, players and clubs the best of luck for what promises to be an outstanding season of soccer action.

Ettore Flacco  
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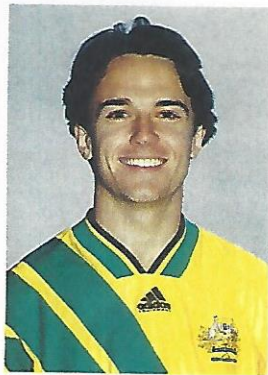




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# Emerging talent

**While many people lament the exodus of Australian players to foreign shores, there are plenty of youngsters ready, willing and able to fill their shoes. By Roy Hay.**

Every year more young Australians go overseas to further their soccer careers. At the end of last season in the National Soccer League, Mark Viduka, Stan Lazaridis, Steve Horvat, Zeljko Kalac, Steve Corica, Josip Skoko, Lachlan Armstrong, Marcus Stergiopoulos, Tony Vidmar and others set out for trials or contracts in England, Croatia, Belgium, Holland, Malaysia and elsewhere.

Will Australian soccer be impoverished by this drain of talent? Who will replace them? Pessimists are already forecasting a decline in local standards, but the argument so far has been somewhat shallow.

No one has really looked at the pool from which Australia is drawing its budding stars and asked whether the rise in profile of Australian players overseas is actually enticing more people to play the game or encouraging others to stick at it.

The number of players, male and female, senior and junior, involved in soccer today in clubs, associations, schools and institutes is probably higher than it has ever been. The training and coaching facilities for young players are better than ever before and are run to standards which bear comparison with any in the rest of the world. The chances of exceptional talent being identified and nurtured are greater now than ever.

Above all, the players concerned are Australian born and developed, even if their parents or grandparents arrived from overseas. They are not players who established careers overseas and then came to Australia to wind down.

So can we be sure that the Zelics, Okons, Vidmars and Vidukas will be replaced by players of equal quality in the next generation? A look around the clubs and states at present suggests a more optimistic answer than some would give. National youth coach Les Scheinflug quickly responded with the names of midfielder Harry Kewell, from the New South Wales Academy of Sport, sweeper Sebastian Sinozic of Parramatta Eagles and striker Daniel Allsopp from the Victorian Institute of Sport as talents to be savoured.

Kewell has already set off to try his luck at Everton, but Allsopp has been snapped up by the wily Frank Arok at South Melbourne. Arok has also picked up another strapping athlete, central defender Con Blatsis who started at Clarinda and Bulleen before joining the Victorian, and then the Australian, Institutes of Sport. Blatsis has all the physical qualities of Mark Viduka including his delicate first touch, something which is rare even in big men.

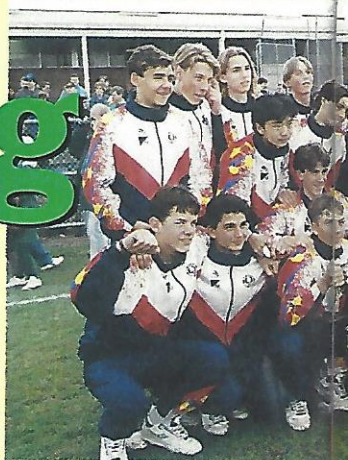
Allsopp won the Golden Shoe award as top scorer in the World Under 17 Cup in Ecuador, including some spectacular goals from distance. He is a very committed young player, who never gives up and takes defeat very hard. When the Victorian Under 16s were beaten by a much superior New South Wales team at the National Talent Identification Championships in 1994, I found Allsopp in tears after the game, having given everything even when the cause was lost.

I was reminded of Terry McDermott who made a huge impression on Liverpool's Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley for the way he kept going when his team, Newcastle United, was being hammered 3-0 in the 1974 FA Cup Final. McDermott was quickly signed by Liverpool and went on to be part of their success story. Allsopp has similar qualities and an equally bright future should follow.

◀ **PETER DI IORIO (FAR LEFT)**  
**HARRY KEWELL (LEFT)**

▲ **SOUTH AUSTRALIA (TOP RIGHT)**  
Under 14 Champion 1994

▲ **COCA-COLA JOEYS (ABOVE MIDDLE)**  
Under 17 • Back Row • Collin Azzopardi, Daniel Allsopp, Vince Grella  
Front Row • John Maisano, Clayton, John Carrozza.







From that exceptional New South Wales Under 15 team in 1994 there are several budding stars in evidence. Yane Talceviski from UTS Olympic, Michael Cunico from Marconi and keeper Adam Brodbeck of the New South Wales Academy are three of the very best, while skipper Daniel Uccchino has had his career hit by injury which prevented him playing an active part in the Joeys' success in Ecuador. But if he can regain the goalscoring touch and midfield drive which he imparted to the NSW team in 1994, he will be a huge asset to Marconi.

From a slightly older age group, Hayden Foxe is another exceptional talent whom Scheinflug says is on the same lines as Craig Moore, now with Glasgow Rangers. "A good athlete, a good reader of the game, possessing all the skills and a quick learner," is his assessment of Foxe. "I believe he has gone to Ajax in Holland," said Scheinflug.

Wherever one turns there is talent to burn in this country. Midfielders Vince Grella from Springvale City and John Maisano of the Melbourne Zebras are currently in the Victorian Under 16 team and with the Victorian Institute of Sport. Executive Director of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Terry Jones has made no secret of his admiration of Maisano. "He will be player of the year in the Premier League next season and will then be a star in the National Soccer League," he forecasts.

Trupkovic is banging in goals in the Premier League and for the AIS, while Deak has toured Malaysia with the VIS and will lead their strike force next season along with Melbourne Knights' Branko Bacak, the younger brother of UTS Olympic striker Joe Bacak.

Equally fast and with a good shot and excellent timing, the younger Bacak may emulate his brother. Another Knights youngster who should break through this season is defender Damir Grganovic. A very solid and reliable player, he has already come off the bench in the NSL and, with Steve Horvat overseas, Grganovic will fight for his place.

In the recent Victorian Premier League Grand Final three teenagers stood out in the Bulleen team which finished as runner-up. Former South Melbourne midfielder George Lenetis, striker Peter di Iorio and central defender Robert Liparotti are all stars in the making. Liparotti did not look out of place marking Socceroo striker John Markovski and the elusive Ice "The Iceman" Kutlesovski.

He crowned a fine season with his efforts in the finals as Bulleen reached the last stage from fourth place in the play-offs. He is favourite to win the Victorian Under 21 player of the year award. Peter di Iorio had a stint at the VIS scoring and making goals in a series of all-action performances. Lenetis is also developing into a very mobile and perceptive midfielder.

◀ **NEW SOUTH WALES (LEFT)**  
Under 15 Champion 1994  
▶ **JOHN MAISANO (RIGHT)**  
**SEBASTIAN SINOZIC (FAR RIGHT)**

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In South Australia there is a veritable avalanche of talented young players coming through. The South Australian Institute of Sport team, consisting largely of 15 and 16 year olds, has just won the Under 23 League in Adelaide.

Among the brightest prospects in that team are striker Danny Vidakovic who is only 15. SASI coach Martyn Crook says, "He is a potent goalscorer, very dedicated and he has impressed the coaches of both National Soccer League teams here".

One year older is Aaron Westervelt, captain of the victorious South Australian Under 14 squad in the National Talent Identification Championships last year, and a pillar of the Under 16s this season. A midfielder and utility player, he even turned out in goal three times this season when the number one keeper Robert Matosevic was off with the Joeys and the reserve keeper was injured.

John Cuttillo, another member of the SASI squad, "a tricky and well balanced striker" has also caught the eye of Johnny Perin and Raul Blanco. His elder brother is with the Blue Eagles which won the Premiership in South Australia, reinforcing the notion that talent runs in families.

Take 17 year old Kosta Salapaspidis, whose father Sam was a former coach of West Adelaide. Kosta has already played in the Fairmont Cup this season for, wait for it, Adelaide City. He seems certain to make the step up to the NSL this year. Just ahead of him are players of the quality of Richard Alagich, another star with a fine pedigree, Frank Tibaldi and former Altona Magic youngster Goran Lozanovski, all of whom are in the Olyroos.

This story is about emerging talent, but when I met former Socceroo Jimmy Rooney at the Victorian Premier League Grand Final as he prepared to present the medal which bears his name to Chris Emsovski of the Altona Magic as player of the match, I asked him was he still "abusing his body".

"I am playing with Lyndale (in Division Two of the Provisional League)," he said, "It is 90 minutes of ecstasy every week."

With an attitude like that on the part of one of the most committed developers of youth soccer players in Australia, the future is in sound hands. •



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# Traineeships a boost for young talent

The development of talented young Australian soccer players received a major boost recently with the announcement of a new traineeship scheme.

The traineeships will provide much needed opportunities for young players in Australia to make a living from sport.

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Simon Crean, launched the scheme recently with Soccer Australia chairman, David Hill.

Mr Crean said that as well as providing a path for young players to become professional, the traineeships would also encourage young people to join local soccer clubs.

"Soccer Australia will join with a sports training company to provide young soccer players with professional training and career opportunities," he said.

"Soccer clubs are community assets as much as vehicles for individual sporting excellence."

Trainees who take part in the scheme will acquire skills in areas such as sports marketing, financial planning, public speaking and office operations.

"This is just the start, but an excellent start," Mr Hill said.

"Every major soccer country in the world loses players to overseas championship leagues. However, many of our talented youngsters play in lesser leagues than the A-League because of a lack of opportunities and a lack of a suitable support system."

The idea of traineeships in soccer was first raised by the Australian Soccer Players Association last year.

President of the Association, Kimon Taliadoros, said he was pleased that Soccer Australia had established the scheme.

"I think that the scheme has unlimited potential," he said. "There are incentives for clubs to take on players and to groom them which is beneficial in the short term, but also when you start looking down the track these people will start getting involved in soccer administration."

Taliadoros and many others hope that the scheme will go some way in keeping talented players in this country for longer.

"We certainly don't want to stop elite players from seeking their fortune overseas because that is what they are destined to do, but as far as the next tier of players is concerned it is unfortunate to lose them."

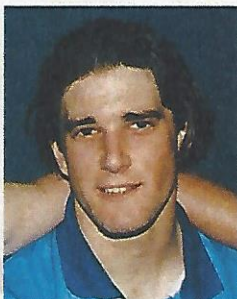
As part of the scheme the Federal Government and Soccer Australia will contribute \$5000 each towards the costs of each trainee, with each participating club to provide an extra \$5000 - a total of \$15,000 for each trainee.

The 12 month traineeships will involve about 60% on the job and 40% off the job training which will translate as three days a week with their club and two days a week

## Young Australian soccer players now have access to fully accredited traineeships, as Sam Prenesti reports.



▲ DAVID HILL



▲ KIMON TALIAĐOROS

### The Soccer Australia traineeship comprises a number of course modules which include:

- Workplace communication • Financial planning
- Writing skills • Public speaking/media • Keyboard techniques • Soccer skills acquisition • Business calculations
- Leadership for sports people
- Occupational health & safety • Computer operations
- Office operations • First aid • Sport and law

### The club (or host sponsor) is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the trainee is supervised on the job and that the work performed is in line with the courses undertaken at college or TAFE
- Regular liaison with the employer (the Sports Group Training Company) to advise of the trainee's progress
- Ensuring that the trainee is released to attend the off the job component of the traineeship

### The Sports Group Training Company is responsible for:

- Assisting clubs with recruitment and selection of Soccer Australia trainees
- Administration of salary and associated 'on costs' of employing the trainee
- Monitoring the progress of the trainee by liaising with both the club or host sponsor and the off the job training provider
- Organising all the off the job training

### Costs:

- Soccer Australia will provide clubs with a financial bonus of \$5000 per trainee
- The Government (through the Sports Group Training Company) will provide a \$5000 subsidy
- The approved club or hosts sponsor contributes \$5000 per trainee

at college or TAFE.

The traineeships comprise a number of course options including writing skills, occupational health and safety, financial planning, public speaking sport and the law and sports marketing.

Simon Crean said the government's aim was to make training relevant to young people.

"We can now tell young soccer players that their local A-League club can take them on in paid jobs and provide them with accredited training."

"Sport is a big employer in Australia, with some 56,000 workers deriving their livelihood from either operation of sporting facilities or the provision of sporting services."

Kimon Taliadoros believes the traineeships are the first step in the development of a career path for soccer players in Australia, something which is sorely needed.

"The idea of a career path in Australia is going to require a fundamental change in the concept of professionalism as far as soccer is concerned," he said.

"The interest in the game is there at the grass roots level...the idea is to provide a smooth defined path for youngsters to move into a professional career in Australia."

Taliadoros said that it was important to ensure young talent has the chance to develop, gain adequate remuneration and maximise their earning potential. But he said it was also important to look after players on the other side of the equation.

"On the other side, we are looking to minimise the hardship that is placed on players when they start moving towards retirement."

In other footballing countries, players are provided with retirement, benevolent and insurance schemes which protect them against hardship.

But the Players Association's vision does not stop there. For a long time in Australia players who retire have been lost to the game and there has been little incentive or encouragement for them to continue in other roles in the game.

"If we can harness these people's talents then that would make an incredible change throughout the whole sport."

The best thing about the traineeships, according to Taliadoros, is that the scheme works in the best interests of everyone - the clubs, the players and Soccer Australia.

"I think clubs are starting to realise that players are their most valuable resource," he said.

Soccer Australia magazine highly commends the initiative taken by the federal Government, the Players Association and Soccer Australia and will be reporting on the effects of the traineeships in future editions. •



# They still call Australia Home

Soccer Australia magazine has embarked on an exciting sports publishing venture that focuses on Coca-Cola Socceroo expatriates abroad as well as Australia's achievements at international level. Written by highly respected soccer writer and broadcaster Laurie Schwab, and illustrated with the finest colour photographs as well as historic pictures from the archives, this publication breaks new ground and is destined to become an integral part of any soccer lover's collection.

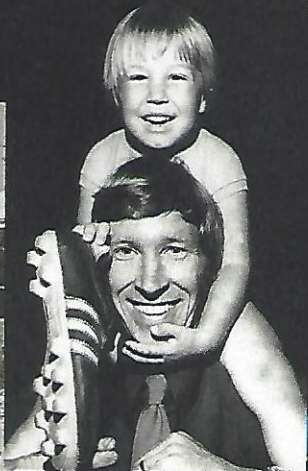
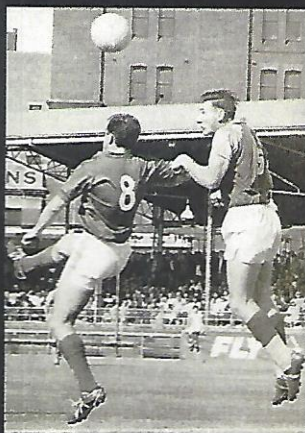


## Australia's Greatest Matches

With a forward by respected "foreign correspondent" and commissioner of Soccer Australia, George Negus, we list, in order, the finest soccer matches Australia has played at international level. Each of them is described in detail and illustrated with historic photos.

## Australia's Greatest Goals

Australia has been playing international football for 73 years, so it is a daunting task indeed to narrow the greatest goals down to 10. However, with the help of exhaustive research, splendid photographs and his own experience as a commentator of the game for 30 years, author Laurie Schwab attacks the task.

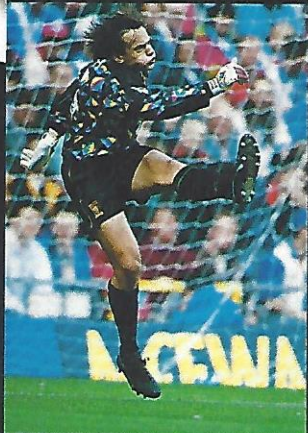


## Player Profiles

We introduce the readers, in words and colour pictures, to at least 30 of the greatest Australian soccer players contracted to clubs overseas - including Ned Zelic who recently joined Queen's Park Rangers of England for more than \$2 million and goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac who switched from Sydney United to Leicester City for \$1.7 million. Each profile is complete with a fact-file snapshot.

## All the Statistics

For the first time anywhere, we present a list of Australians who have played in Europe since the great Joe Marston pioneered the exodus back in the 1950s.



## Socceroo Roll Call

A list of all Socceroos and the number of matches they played - both 'A' internationals and others.

## Socceroo All-Star Team

A double-page spread presenting, in formation and with pictures, the all-time Socceroo all-star team, comprising the players who have represented Australia most often in the various positions.

## Female Socceroos

While Zelic, Kalac, Viduka, Vidmar and Slater have become household names through their exploits in European club soccer as well as for the Socceroos, several Australian women are also carving names for themselves abroad. We introduce them to our readers.



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# Olympic challenge

**After going through 19 coaches in 19 seasons who would want to be coach of UTS Olympic?**

**David Ratcliffe, that's who. He spoke with Ray Gatt about one of the toughest jobs in Australian soccer.**

You have to be a masochist and have a bit of a mad streak, but it also helps to possess a good sense of humour.

And that, in a nutshell, probably best describes the sort of character who would want to take on arguably the hardest job in Australian soccer—coaching UTS Olympic.

Many have tried their hand at it, most have failed.

These brave, some say misguided is a better word, men backed their ability and judgment to tame the beast that is UTS Olympic only to eventually be discarded, tail between their legs.

A few hardly had time to unpack their kit bags before being shown the door. Others barely managed to see out a season, while, incredibly, a couple actually got to stay two seasons or more.

At last count, 19 coaches had come and gone since the Blues joined the National Soccer League in its inaugural year in 1977.

That's 19 coaches in 18 years and 19 seasons. Some record, eh?

It's not exactly the sort of track record that would make many coaches

give up a secure financial position to bang on the door of the Olympic board asking to be given the job at the club.

But, fortunately, there are still the adventurous among the coaching brigade.

Certainly, no-one can ever accuse former Socceroo and St George hard man David Ratcliffe of turning his back on a challenge.

As a player he was never backward in coming forward. Fear was never part of his vocabulary and he liked nothing better than taking on and defying convention.

So, it should have come as no surprise when his name was read out as NSL coach number 20 at UTS Olympic back in April.

Some cruelly say he is the latest in a long line of Christians to be fed to the lions.

Fortunately, the man known as 'Bronson' by those who are closest to him, has heard all the jokes before. He laughs at them and that is a good sign because there will no doubt be times this season when he'll wonder why he ever took on the job.

"Not long after I joined Olympic someone told me I'd be eligible for a gold watch if I lasted a month," Ratcliffe recounted for Soccer Australia. "Heaven knows what I'll get if I last the season."

But, that's the total extent of the fun as far as Ratcliffe is concerned because, just as in his playing days, coaching is no

laughing matter for him.

And neither is the job at Olympic. He is there for a reason - to help build a successful club on the field.

"When I took on the job I went in with my eyes open," he said. "Everyone knows about Olympic. It is not an easy club to play for or coach."

"The fans are very demanding and that is understandable. Winning is what counts most, and I guess that is the philosophy for many other clubs."

"They haven't won many things in the NSL. Sure, they won the championship a couple of years back but, really, given the resources they have had over the years they should have had more success."

"As well, they have had a lot of financial problems and there has always been talk about their viability."

"But, from what I have seen, they are working very hard to turn things around and I think you'll see a very different Olympic over the next few years."

"Olympic is a sleeping giant and they have the potential to win many championships if they get things right on and off the park."

Ratcliffe, who had six relatively successful seasons at Wollongong City, does not believe he has taken a gamble by leaving what was a fairly secure job to take on a position which many regard as a day-to-day or match-to-match proposition.

"There are times when you have to

bite the bullet," he said. "I considered I had probably reached my limits at Wollongong."

"I had a great time there and I learned a lot. But, really, I needed a new challenge and there is no greater challenge than coaching UTS Olympic."

Ratcliffe twice guided Wollongong to the semi-finals during his tenure. It was a remarkable feat given the Wolves were never regarded as a cashed-up club.

Ratcliffe could rarely splurge on top quality players and he had to be careful how he spent the transfer money.

The Wolves operated on a low budget which is why they rarely got themselves into trouble financially.

But, that's not to say that Ratcliffe will have an open cheque book at Olympic. Far from it.

The club is determined to get itself on a good financial standing before looking to considerably strengthen its playing squad.

"I know Olympic has always had a reputation for throwing money around in regards to buying players. But we are no longer going to throw it around like it is going out of style," Ratcliffe warned. "Olympic has always produced good youngsters and some of these kids will be given a chance if they are good enough."

"Of course, if a good player came on the market I'd be interested, but I won't be offering him the world."

David Ratcliffe will do a great job at Olympic. He is a switched-on coach who knows the needs of players and, more importantly, gets their respect.

Besides, his watch works perfectly at the moment and, hopefully, he won't get a new one for some time to come. ●

◀ **DAVID RATCLIFFE** with his daughters Sarah and Jessica



# Stan's the man

**The career of Stan Lazaridis has gone through the roof in recent times. After a couple of stunning seasons with West Adelaide, he is now mixing it with the best in the English Premier League. He spoke to Ray Gatt.**

"Hell, what was that?" The young, quizzical eyes looked at me. His face was as white as the sheet of paper I was writing on and there was no mistaking the fear in his voice.

It was early in 1993 and I was sitting next to this slightly-built, dark-featured teenager as the plane was a few minutes into its flight to Singapore carrying, among its passengers, the Socceroo squad.

There had been a loud thud and it was enough for the shy-looking, apprehensive player, who was

looking out the window, to sit bolt upright then turn to me with an incredulous look.

For any experienced plane traveller, the sound of the landing gear retracting after take-off or being released before landing is nothing new.

But, for someone who had never been out of Australia, let alone experienced the weird and wonderful world of flying, it was one helluva fright.

After a quick explanation he seemed to settle down, though I could see he wasn't totally convinced that the plane wasn't about to plunge out of the sky. Any sudden movements were enough to have him shifting uneasily in his seat.

We probably spoke on and off for an hour during the entire course of the flight, but, not surprisingly, it was a little difficult to extract too much information from him.

And that was my introduction to Socceroo, West Adelaide and now West Ham United winger Stan Lazaridis, then 19.

The Socceroos had been invited to Singapore for two trial games by Kuwait, who were preparing for their qualifying matches for the 1994 World Cup.

This was to be the trip that would be the making of Lazaridis. It would put him on the road to a bright, representative career.

He made his debut in the second match against Kuwait and left little doubt that here was yet another rising star in Australian soccer.

Lazaridis was outstanding at left-back and national coach Eddie Thomson, who had no qualms about giving the youngster his chance, absolutely raved about his performance.

"This kid is going to go a long way, believe me," Thomson said after the

game. "He has everything."

Much has happened to West Australian-born Lazaridis in the 34 months since that first taste of international football.

Not surprisingly, flying comes a little easier and he has come out of his shell both on and off the field. The ugly duckling hasn't quite turned into the swan, but he is not far from it.

He is now an integral part of the Socceroo squad, even when we have our overseas-based stars back.

But, if you talk to Lazaridis now, the thought of playing for Australia, let alone playing overseas, had never entered his head.

"When I got selected to go to Singapore no-one was more shocked than me," he said. "I honestly had never given it a thought."

"But, once I got there and got the taste, there was nothing else I wanted to do than play for my country."

"Now I am there, hopefully I can stay in the squad for some time to come."

Still, Lazaridis, now a confident, stylish 22-year-old, realises he will have to continue to work hard on his game so that he can cement a permanent spot in the Socceroo XI.

"We have so many wonderful players overseas that you cannot take anything for granted," he added. "You have to work hard because there is always someone who is ready to take your place."

Stan has no doubts that his move to England, where he has signed for two years with a one year option, to play for famous London club West Ham United in the Premier League, will be the catalyst for him.

Stan impressed West Ham manager Harry Rednapp when the Hammers toured Australia several months ago. He then went to England for trials with the club before being offered a contract.

"I always wanted to go overseas at the end of the last NSL season," he said before leaving for England recently. "There was a chance to go to Greece, but West Ham came in with a good offer and I could not be happier."

"I am excited about the prospect and look forward to the challenge of training everyday and playing against some top class players."

"Hopefully, I'll be a much better player for the experience."

Lazaridis paid tribute to Thomson for giving him the chance at national team level and credits him and West Adelaide coach Raul Blanco with the vast improvement in his game in recent seasons.

Thankfully, Stan says he is determined to play for the Socceroos whenever possible.

"It was through playing for Australia that I got the exposure overseas and I'll never turn my back on it."

Stan Lazaridis is flying now but, with any luck, there won't be any bumps along the way. ●

## factfile

**NAME** Stan Lazaridis **AGE** 23  
**DOB** 15.08.72 **POSITION** Defender  
**CLUB** West Adelaide  
**HEIGHT** 180 cms **WEIGHT** 75 kgs  
**A INTERNATIONALS** 12 **GOALS** 0





# Arnie's still on track

**Graham Arnold, one of modern Australian soccer's greats, is still going strong in the tough Dutch league. Ray Gatt caught up with the star striker.**

You can't keep a good man down and that certainly applies to veteran Socceroo Graham Arnold, who continues to be one of the best of our foreign legion of overseas-based players.

While some of our more illustrious exports are struggling to make their mark, the knockabout, personable 'Arnie' is showing no signs of a slip in his high standards despite this being his eighth season in Europe.

Durability and toughness have always been his trademarks and they have obviously held him in good stead in coping with the demands of football at this level.

Arnold is in his second season with Dutch club NAC Breda and has had a terrific start to the current season with three goals in four games.

While Breda is in 11th place with four points, Arnold says he could not be happier with his form.

"I think I'm doing okay," he said, without even a hint of being boastful. "But, importantly, the team is doing well even if the table doesn't show it.

"We have been a little unlucky. Only the other night we were beaten in the last minute by Willem II after dominating the match.

"A couple of weeks ago we beat PSV 3-0 and I scored. That was a highlight."

Fortunately, Arnold doesn't miss many games through injury, and he has rarely been left out of the starting line-up during his two stints in Holland and a season in Belgium.

He puts his durability down to looking after himself off the park.

"I try and do the right things off the field by watching what I eat and drink

and training hard as well as taking proper care of any injuries," he said. "If you are playing as a professional then you have to be a professional off the field."

At this stage, this season could very well be his last in Europe. Not surprisingly, Arnold hankers to be back in Sydney with his family and friends. He misses having a beer with his mates and taking a boat out "for a bit of a fish".

"Debbie (Arnold's wife) is missing home as well and can't wait to get back," he added.

Arnold has two daughters, Kirsty and Alicia, and Debbie was two days overdue with their third child when Soccer Australia caught up with him in the middle of September.

Apart from missing the lifestyle back home, he is itching to get involved in Australian soccer again both as a player and a coach.

"I think I could last another couple of seasons in the NSL when I eventually get back home," he said. "But it is coaching I really want to get involved in.

"Having been in Europe all this time I think I have picked up a great deal. I am sure I could make a good contribution to the game."

Arnold has definite ideas on what he would do as a coach. He particularly likes the system employed by famous Dutch club Ajax.

"I have been lucky enough to know a few people here and they have been very helpful in getting me into the club to look at their set-up at all levels," he said. "It is a real eye-opener and we could learn a lot from them.

"Every team from the juniors right up to the seniors plays the same system

so that if there is an injury in the team then the person who replaces that player knows his job exactly and slots in perfectly."

There had been suggestions that Arnold would return for the current NSL season and take over the reins at glamorous club Marconi.

Marconi boss Tony Labbozzetta admitted an interest in Arnold before the club eventually plumped for former Sydney Olympic and Sydney United coach Manfred Schaefer.

"I sought out Tony and asked would they be interested," Arnold said. "But, in the end, I thought that it would be better if I had another season overseas.

"Once you are finished over here, that's it. There's no coming back."

Thankfully, Arnie is still available to play for the Socceroos and national coach Eddie Thomson says he has no intention of discarding the veteran striker just yet.

"I had a good chat with Thommo when I was in Australia for the games against Ghana and he convinced me to keep playing," he said.

"I don't know how much longer I can go, but I'll definitely try to have another chance at the World Cup qualifiers.

"Fortunately, I have a couple of good mates and I have asked them to be straight with me. Hopefully, I should know myself when the time comes but I want my close friends to tell me if they think I'm not playing well enough and should give the game away."

On his current form, Arnie's actions on the field will keep his mates' mouths closed for some time to come. •

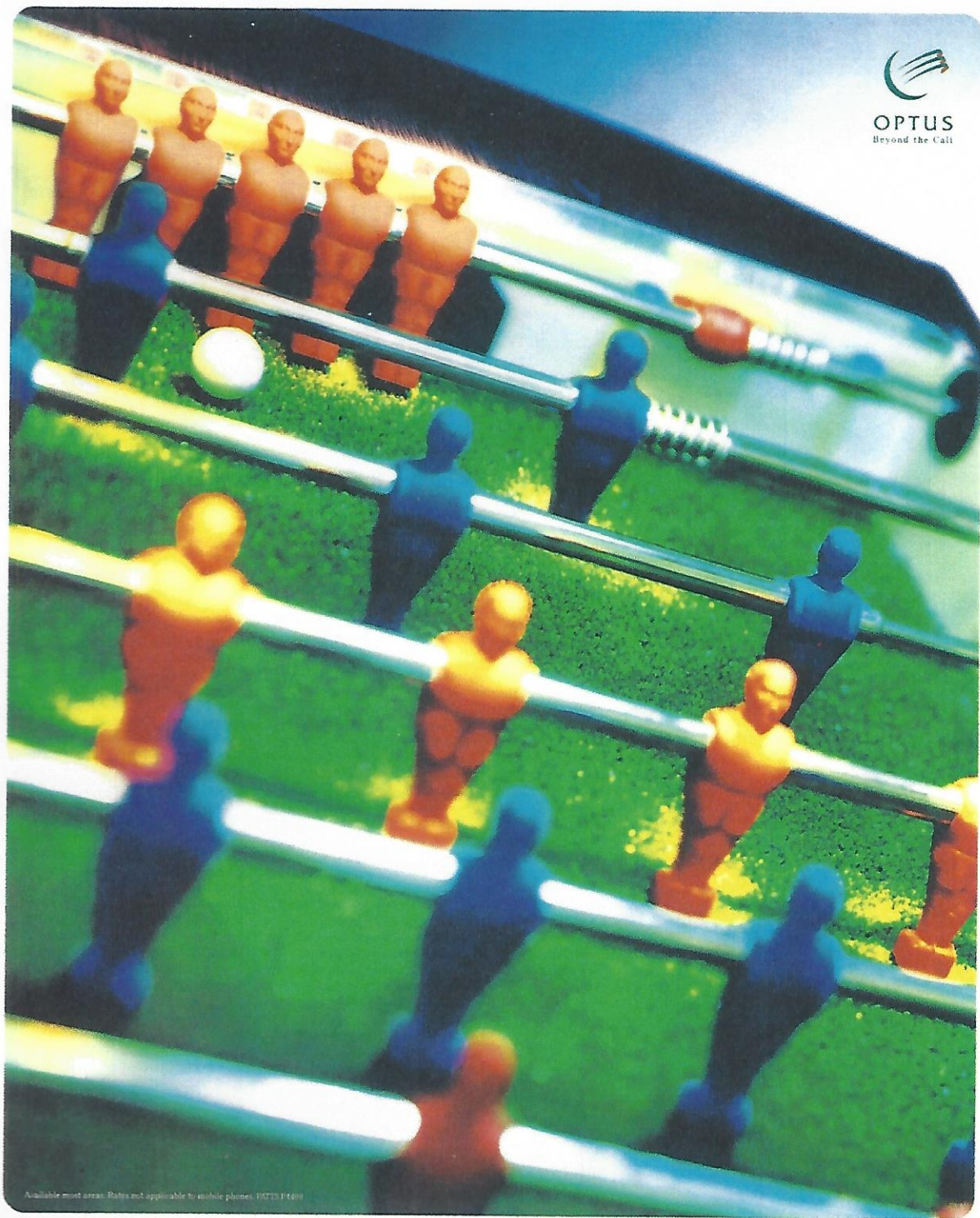
## factfile

**NAME** Graham Arnold **AGE** 32  
**DOB** 03.08.63 **POSITION** Striker  
**CLUB** NAC Breda (Holland)  
**HEIGHT** 184 cms **WEIGHT** 87 kgs  
**A INTERNATIONALS** 44 **GOALS** 15



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# KALAC

## makes it big

**Zeljko Kalac has finally left Australia's shores to join Leicester City in England for \$1.7 million. Ray Gatt tells the story.**

After six weeks of agony and despair, Soccerroo goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac has finally left these shores in search of fame and glory.

And it was a mightily relieved Kalac, bags packed and passport safely in hand, who jetted out to England late in September to link with First Division leaders Leicester City.

The smile on his face told the story, for there were times when the man they call 'Spider' seriously doubted whether he would get the chance to fulfil his dream of playing in Europe.

"This has been one of the most frustrating periods of my life," Kalac told Soccer Australia only hours before boarding his flight. "I never thought I would see this day."

"As each day passed the doubts kept growing I could see myself having another season in the National Soccer League, then having to start all over again."

"But things have worked out for the best and I could not be happier."

The agony and frustration - it was never meant to be like that. Certainly not after his celebrated signing with Leicester City back in June for \$1.7 million. The transfer made big news in Australia with Kalac's giant frame and happy face plastered on the back pages of most of our major newspapers.

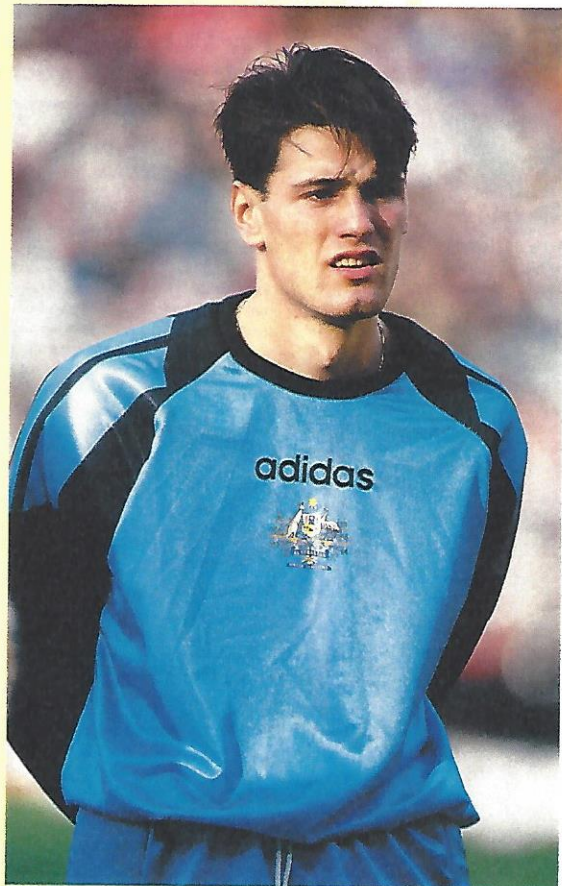
Only weeks later, Zeljko found himself in Germany on a pre-season training tour with Leicester. All was travelling smoothly, with City officials rubbing their hands in glee and patting themselves on the back after the young Aussie keeper impressed with a string of super performances.

But trouble was lurking around the corner. England's messy and outdated visa and work permit restrictions would soon make Kalac's life a misery.

While Leicester officials went through the appropriate channels and red tape to have Kalac cleared, the young Australian was forced to stay in Germany as the rest of his team mates returned home to continue their pre-season training.

"I was told everything would be alright," Kalac said. "They told me it was best to stay in Germany while everything was sorted out because it would help my case."

Back in England, Leicester officials ran into a brick wall. They had success-



fully jumped two hurdles, but the other was proving tough to get over.

Basically, overseas players outside Europe need the permission of three departments before getting a work permit in England. Two departments cleared Kalac, but the third, the Department of Employment, rejected his application.

They claimed that even though Kalac had reached the criteria of 12 senior matches for the Soccerroos, there was, in their mind, doubt about the quality of some of those games.

That claim certainly amazed Leicester coach Mick Hickman - the man who led UTS Olympic to its first ever NSL Championship - as well as national coach Eddie Thomson.

At his last match for the Soccerroos, Kalac turned in a stunning performance

in the loss to Argentina in Argentina. You could hardly doubt the quality of that game.

A desperate Hickman enlisted the help of Australian soccer writers (including myself) in an effort to convince the Department of Employment of Kalac's credentials.

Hickman was provided with every possible newspaper clipping and reports of Kalac's career, especially details of matches for the Soccerroos.

While all this was going on, Zeljko returned to Australia to be with family and friends.

"It was the best thing I could do," Kalac said. "I would have gone insane in Germany. At least I was able to be with family and friends and do the things I like back home."

Of course, the things Kalac likes to

do back home are golf and punting on the races.

"I have a little luck at both," he confided with a bit of a laugh.

The last few weeks were testing for Kalac as he wondered what would happen.

"I went two weeks without hearing from Leicester, and I got a bit worried to say the least," he said. "Being so far away you start thinking the worst."

But Kalac finally got the call he had been waiting for a couple of weeks back. Hickman rang to say everything had been cleared.

"He told me I would be playing by the end of September and I was ecstatic," Kalac said.

Needless to say, his NSL club Sydney United were doing cartwheels. Like Zeljko, they were on tenterhooks and they had a million good reasons as well!

The money from Kalac's transfer would go largely to financing a spanking new grandstand at Edensor Park.

With all these problems well and truly behind him, Kalac realises the hard work starts from now.

"It's not going to be easy at first, I know that," he said. "There are a lot of good goalkeepers over there and I am going to have to earn my stripes."

"But I'm confident in my own ability to succeed. I know I'll get there sooner or later. I plan to make my mark very quickly."

Hopefully England is ready for the Spider invasion. •

### factfile

**NAME** Zeljko Kalac **AGE** 23  
**DOB** 16.12.72 **POSITION** Goalkeeper  
**CLUB** Sydney United  
**HEIGHT** 202 cms **WEIGHT** 91 kgs  
**A INTERNATIONALS** 13 **GOALS** NA



# Fashioning the

The way sport is marketed in Australia is going through a revolution at the moment. Pay TV has forced administrators to look at their game as a 'package' that can be sold, and as a result everything from sponsorship deals to the design of players' uniforms is up for grabs.

The normally staid AFL has even gotten into the act, allowing clubs to wear redesigned jumpers during the pre-season tournament and some regular season games.

Of course when it comes to soccer, clubs in Europe (especially England) have long realised the financial benefits of designing and selling gear that ordinary punters would look good in. We've been a little slow on the merchandise front in Australian soccer, but there are signs that things are changing.

But when it comes to being truly adventurous, no-one can beat our female athletes. Whether it's the basketballers or the sprinters, they top the league in style and grace. But not all sports in which women compete have caught on. Here we asked some fashion designers to have some fun and redesign the sport of their choice with a change of image.



## Athletics

by Morrissey Edmiston

Australia is leading the way in women's athletics gear. Aside from America's Flo-Jo and her glitter-spangled fingernails a few years back, Aussie women wear the brightest and skimpiest two pieces on the track. Jane Saville believes it helps to "look good and feel good when you're competing. It's a bonus if you can get something over your rivals - a lot of people can feel intimidated when someone looks really good". Peter Morrissey and Leona Edmiston went for a look that is slick, sexy, modern and simple, like all their clothes. It's cool, naturally, but it's also appropriately classic. Guys, can we have a couple of dozen, ah, green and gold?



## Cricket

by Purl Harbour

It must be tough being the poor relation of a sport that can pack the MCG, and while Belinda Clark admits, "It'd be great to walk out on to the SCG with 40,000 people watching," she knows it's not likely to happen in a hurry. John McArthur, who makes made-to-order knitwear for both sexes, believes the women just need more exposure: "Sportswomen have good bods - why not flash 'em!" B.C., the A.B. of women's cricket, found her new creams "nice and comfortable, though you might get a bit sun-burned on your tummy."



# the future

By Adam Long



## Equestrian

by Stephen Galloway

**H**orse riding is one of the few sports where men and women compete alongside one another, so the women don't need to attract attention: they are equals. However, it's also a sport, particularly in dressage, where appearance is very important. We asked Olympic show jumper Vicki Roycroft to saddle test a new look: "It's a bit impractical for riding, but it's a lovely jacket." The traditional red hunting jacket is equally impractical in hot weather: "You feel like a dork. We should just wear T-shirts." Perhaps if this lighter weight jacket was a little shorter, long enough to hide a bit of bum but no more? "In our sport it's ideal to have long legs ... so it's nice to show 'em."



## Gymnastics

by Running Bare

**A**ustralians will watch almost any sport, but gymnastics is the only one we love to watch that we've never been any good at. In the past, the Aussies in their green and gold leotards looked so awkward alongside the sprites from the Eastern bloc that we'd have been happier to watch if Australia wasn't competing! That all changed when our own sprites carted home truck loads of gold from the most recent Commonwealth Games, and designer Leah Bennetts believes that with the right outfit we can mix it with the best. Rhythmic gymnast Maria Vuk advises, "I like the costume, it's very cheeky ... but many of the judges are middle-aged and wouldn't understand".



## Golfing

by hOWard shOWers

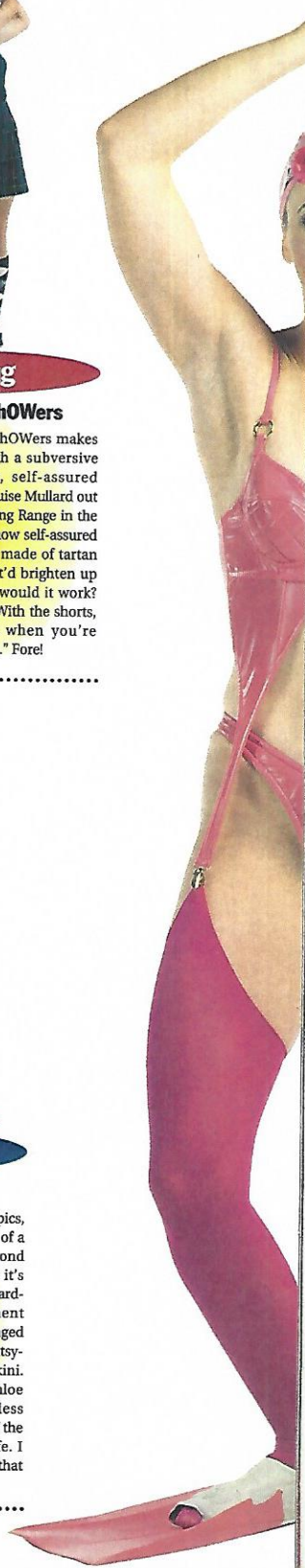
**C**ute suit! hOWard shOWers makes classic clothes with a subversive twist, for the strong, self-assured woman. We whisked Louise Mullard out from the City Golf Driving Range in the heart of Sydney to see how self-assured she was, and what she made of tartan hot pants: "Excellent! It'd brighten up the scenery." Yes, but would it work? "It's very comfortable. With the shorts, there's no problems when you're putting. It's a great outfit." Fore!



## Swimming

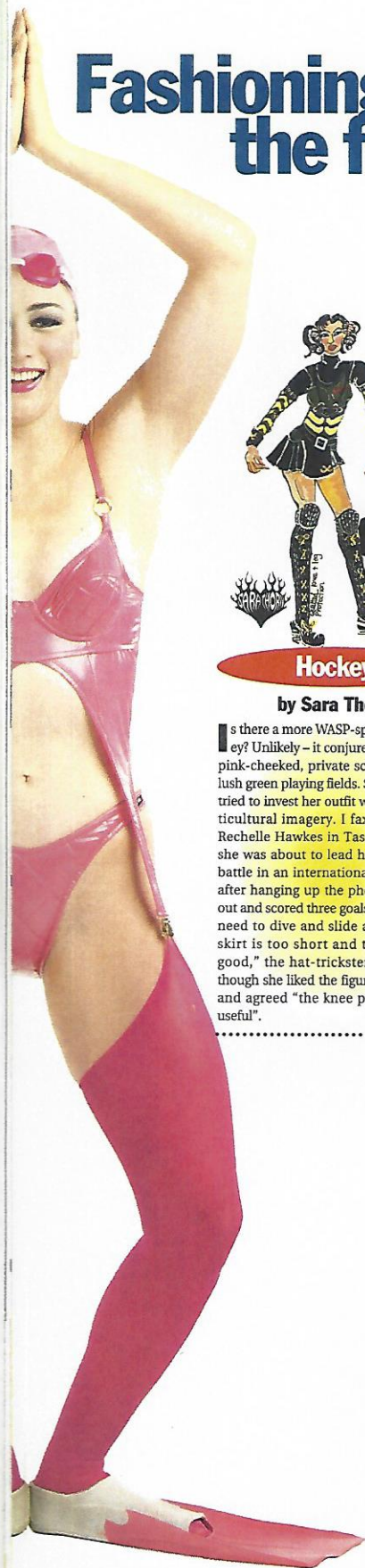
by Just Add Water

**E**very four years, before the Olympics, someone announces the arrival of a swimsuit that will shave half a second off your best time - well this year it's true! Designer Alp Berber and his hard-working research and development team are proud to unleash the winged keel of competitive swimwear, the itsy-bitsy teeny-weeny quilted PVC bikini. After taking the suit for a spin, Chloe Flutter announces to the breathless media, "That was wonderful, one of the more novel experiences of my life. I think world swimming is heading in that direction - brighter and bolder."





# Fashioning the future



## Hockey

by Sara Thorn

Is there a more WASP-sport than hockey? Unlikely – it conjures up images of pink-cheeked, private school girls and lush green playing fields. Sara Thorn has tried to invest her outfit with more multicultural imagery. I faxed the pic to Rechelle Hawkes in Tasmania, where she was about to lead her troops into battle in an international match (and, after hanging up the phone, she went out and scored three goals herself). "You need to dive and slide around so the skirt is too short and the belt is no good," the hat-trickster announced, though she liked the figure-hugging top and agreed "the knee pads would be useful".



## Netball

by Charlie Brown

There are about 3 trillion netballers in Australia, our national team are world champs, but the game hardly rates on TV. The perception is that netball is a whole lot more fun to play than it is to watch, but you can bet if the blokes played at an elite level, and were as successful as the girls, Murdoch would have bought them up by now. The Charlie Brown look for hip hoopsters is fun and bright using happening fabrics. "It looks great," agrees a relieved Carissa Dalwood, "I'm just glad I'm not wearing some of the other costumes – there's not much to them!"



## Softball

by Johnny Dexter

Here is a sport on the up, shooting for a medal at the Atlanta Olympics, and Belinda Ashworth intends to be there, giving the Yanks a run for their money. "We need to be a lot more aggressive and confident, which is the difference with the Americans: they come on cocky and act like they know they're going to win." With the right attitude – and the right outfit to give them the all important psychological edge – our women could go for gold next year. Perhaps the slick chic look would be good for night matches? "It's attractive ... but you couldn't wear a skirt. We do a lot of sliding, on dirt." Okay, so lose the sequins – but let's send our softballers to Atlanta looking like winners!



## Surfing

by Mambo Goddess

PVC Lycra is the hot girlie gear material of 1995. The Goddess gave it a motocross stripe and retro print to capture a little of the flavour of 1975. Kristen McGroder, of the mad, bad Bondi McGroders, declared it "a very Bondi kind of surf outfit. Bondage comes to mind straight away ...". Our surfie chick rates the suit good for surfing, although the skimpy shorts might lead to "a few too many guys paddling around the back of you". Back off, boys! A board, a wave and some PVC Lycra ... what more could a girl want?



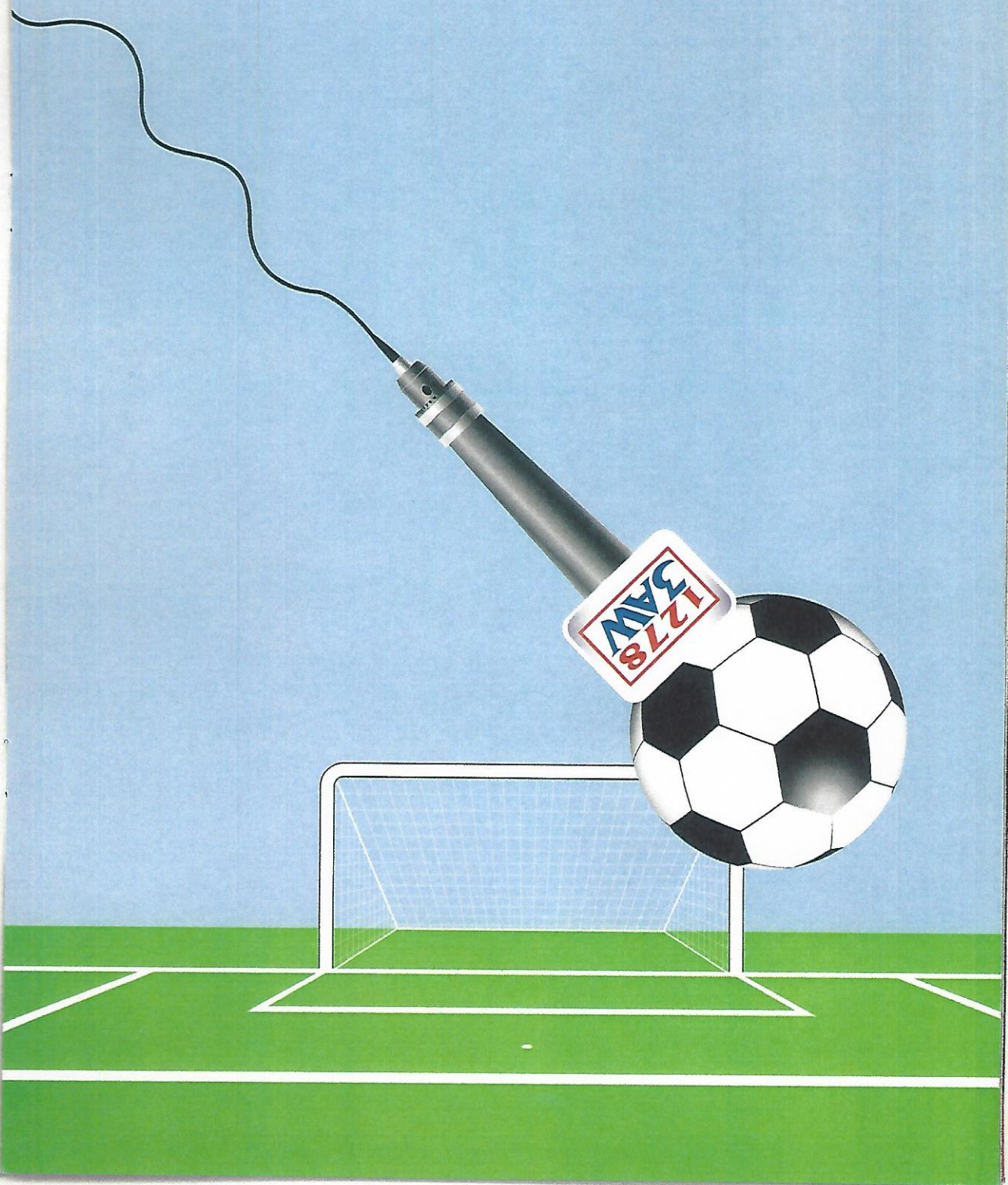
## Tennis

by Seafolly

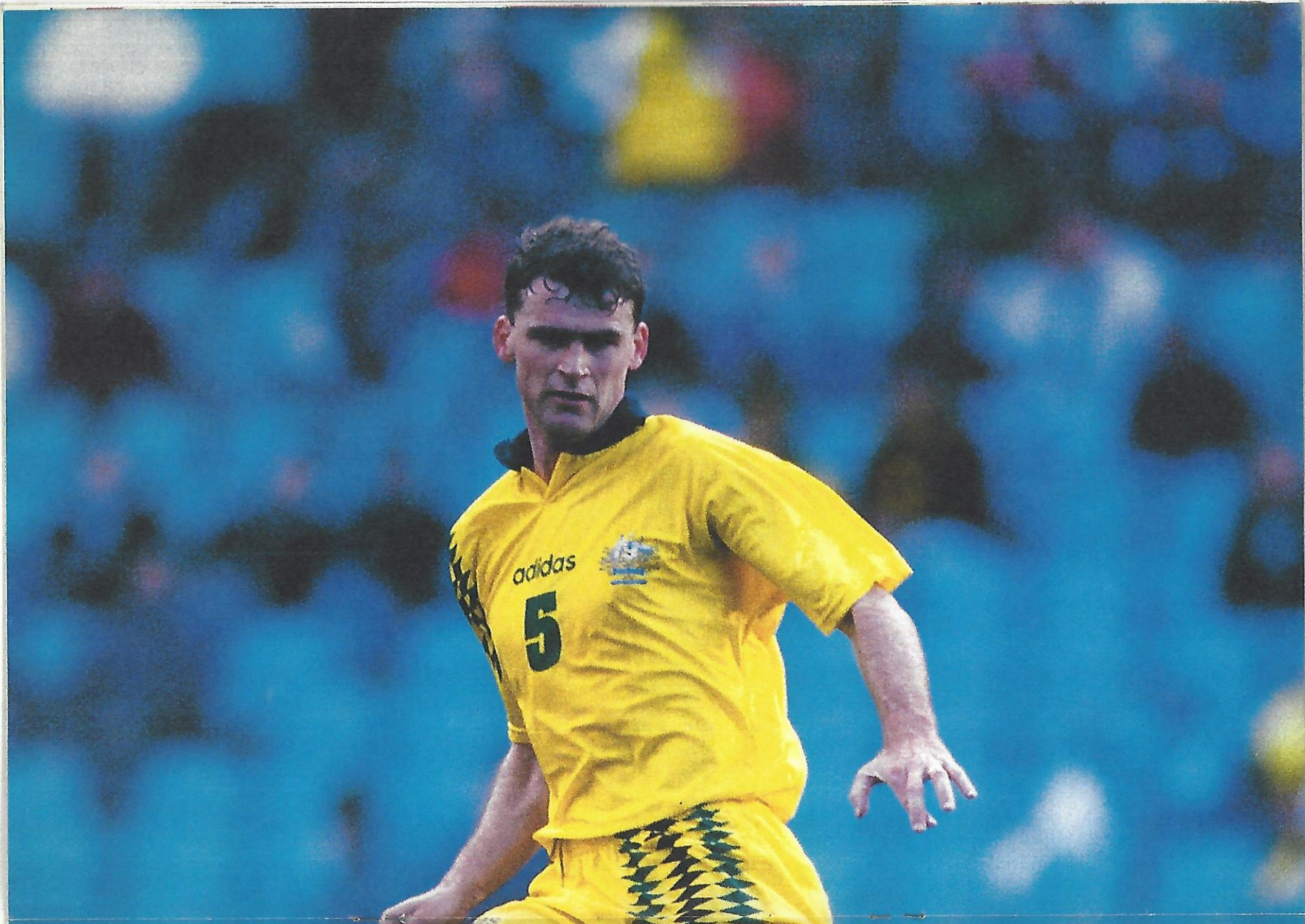
One women's sport is guaranteed a photo on the back page of the papers, at least once a year. Each summer, when the tennis circus comes to town, you can bet your house there'll be a half-page shot of Gabriela Sabatini's underpants, as she lunges for a volley and her skirt bounces up (I can hear the press photographers' motor drives whirring, just thinking about it!). The Seafolly solution is a tennis catsuit, for no fuss winning. Angela Lawrence deemed the suit "very funky". "It's comfortable, and the all-in-one is a good idea, but the Lycra might be a bit hot to play in."



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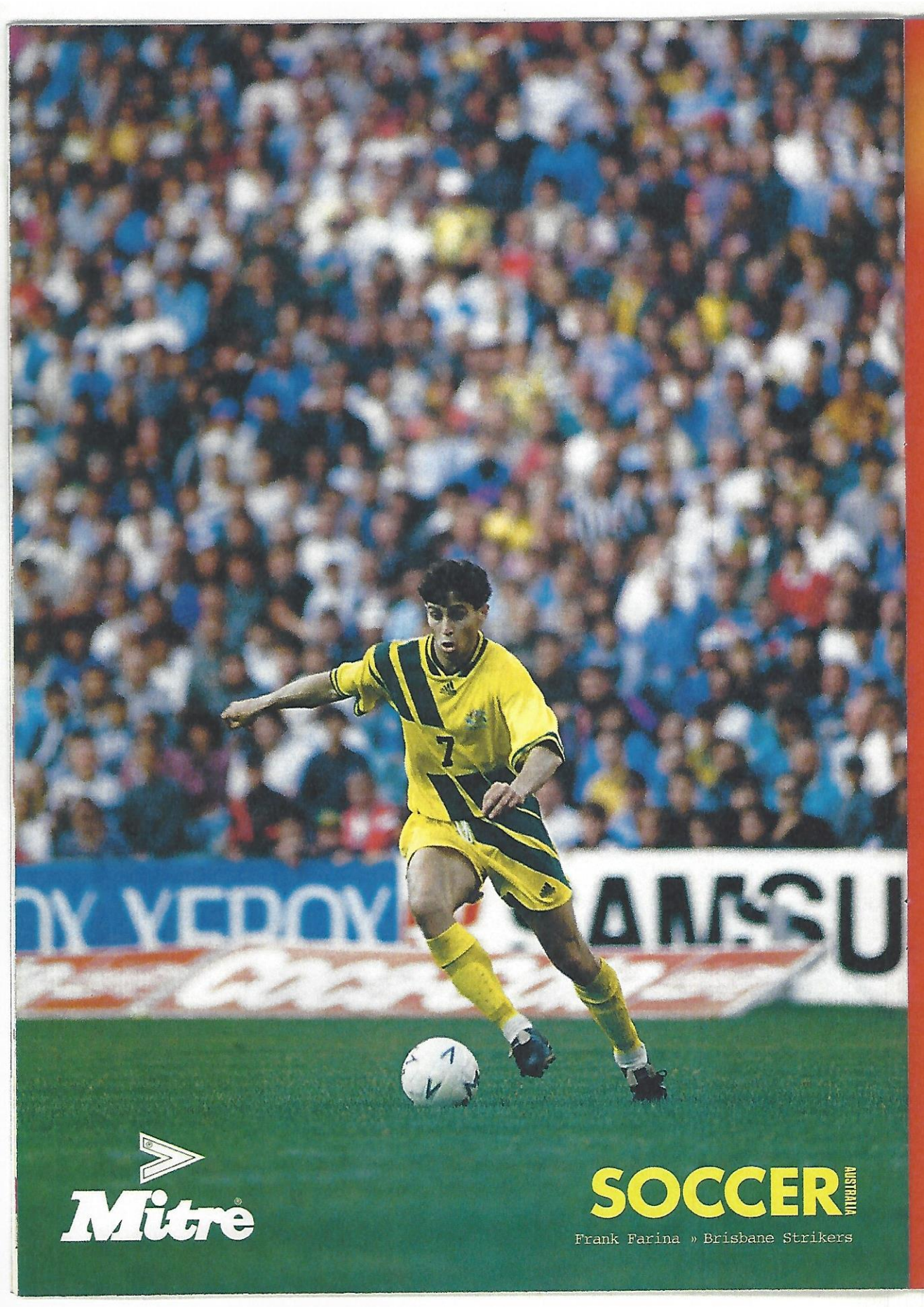




  
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**The world community  
has voiced its outrage  
over the French  
nuclear tests in the  
Pacific and, as  
Patrick Mangan  
reports, footballers  
are taking a stand  
on this vital issue.**

Footballers from around the world have joined the wider community in condemning the resumption of French nuclear tests in the Pacific.

While their actions have been largely ignored by the Australian media, players have organised protests on and off the field and have been outspoken in their criticism of the tests.

In Australia, Socceroo captain Paul Wade has also taken a strong stand against the tests. Like millions of other people globally, the star midfielder was appalled by the French Government's actions and had no hesitation when Greenpeace asked him to participate in a star-studded commercial condemning the tests.

The two 30 second advertisements, which started screening on national television early in September, depict a barbecue scene where French President Chirac is an unwanted guest - "Not in our backyard" is the theme.

As well as Wade, famous faces such as John Farnham, comedian Magda Szubanski, Elle McFeast and Peter Garrett are also prominent in the ads.

Wade is hopeful the commercials will make an impression on the Australian public. "I reckon it's going to have a huge impact," he said. "I mean, you've got the likes of John Farnham standing up saying what he thinks and there aren't too many people who don't respect that guy."

As Socceroo captain, Wade remembers another time when the French underestimated Australia's resolve - in the Kirin Cup in Japan.

The French were saying before the game it was just a matter of whether they were going to score five or six goals, but we gave them the scare of their lives (Australia eventually went down 1-0).

"Maybe they underestimated us the way the French Government is now underestimating the power of people around the world."

Among the other international players making a stand is Nottingham Forest forward and captain of Norway, Lars Bohinen, who refused to play in his country's recent international against France as a personal protest against the tests.

Other European players have been making their voices heard. The Swiss national team unfurled a banner which stated bluntly, "Stop it Chirac", before their European Championship qualifier against Sweden.

Italian players have also been involved - Nicola Berté of Inter, Roberto Mancini of Sampdoria and the Roma

# Footballers unite against the bomb

**"The French can say what they like about it being safe to blow up these bombs, but it only needs one mistake and my kids might suffer because of it. I'm not willing to take that chance." - Paul Wade**

pair Amadeo Carboni and Marco Lanna have all worn Greenpeace shirts at post game press conferences.

So how significant is it that these sporting idols are speaking up for what they believe in? Wade is in no doubt.

"Soccer is the only sport played in every country in the world - if you want to get to the people you go through a soccer player, because that's who everybody idolises."

But why would highly paid sporting stars living on the other side of the world be concerned about the Mururoa Atoll tests? Greenpeace's Nuclear Testing Communications Assistant,

Peter Hunt, says it's the big picture that is important.

"This is not just a local problem, it's a worldwide problem," he said. "If France and China are testing, then there is a possibility that America, Britain and Russia will want to test again - it opens up a can of worms."

"People all over the world can see that we are not talking about a tiny atoll here, we are talking about the whole principle of the thing. People do not want nuclear weapons on this planet - why have something that you claim you are never going to use? What's the point?"

The French Government is showing no sign of abandoning the tests, so Greenpeace and other protest groups will continue with the fight. The television commercials will remain on air "until the tests stop", according to Hunt.

Paul Wade will also continue the fight against the tests. He eloquently sums up his opposition by saying: "I've got two girls and I want them to grow up in a nice, healthy environment."

The French can say what they like about it being safe to blow up these bombs, but it only needs one mistake and my kids might suffer because of it. I'm not willing to take that chance." •





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Australian soccer has entered the world of pay television. In this article, Greg Bowes outlines the Optus deal and also gives a run down on some of the major players in the Australian soccer media fraternity.

# Oz soccer's new vision

In a move which is bound to boost the image of soccer in Australia, Optus Vision has been awarded the pay television rights for the national competition and domestic international matches featuring the Coca-Cola Socceroos and the Coca-Cola Olyroos.

The agreement covers 72 matches of the national competition and the finals series, and will feature on the Sports Australia channel.

The Chairman of Soccer Australia, David Hill, said the deal with Optus Vision was part of a broader strategy to ensure more extensive coverage of Australian soccer.

"What this agreement means to soccer fans is that they will be able to see at least two full games of Australia's national competition every week during the season."

Mr Hill said that the national league would continue to be shown on SBS television for the next two years.

"Soccer Australia is confident that following discussions with other networks, there will be more sports reporting of the A-League on the national commercial networks," he said.

Chief Executive of Optus Vision, Geoffrey Cousins, said: "Soccer in Australia is entering a dynamic, exciting future and Optus Vision is pleased that we are part of these plans."

Mr Hill also said that Soccer Australia would seek discussions with the editors and sports editors of the major metropolitan newspapers and radio stations.

"We see far more coverage of the English league results in our newspapers than coverage of Australia's premier soccer league."

"Senior soccer in Australia is at a very high standard. Soccer is played by more people than any other football code (and) deserves more media coverage and we hope to ensure that this occurs."

But for this to occur, clubs and administrators will have to play a greater role in promoting the game. Fierce competition from other codes, evasive administrators and poor facilities have all conspired in the past to make the job of soccer journalists harder than it needed to be.

And while the pay television deal is a much-needed addition to the game, the range of people already promoting the game through the media is vast, ranging from national print journalists to small-time foreign language publishers, from community television stations to national networks.

The one bond they share is a love of the world game and a passion to bring



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the sport to its rightful place at the top of the sporting tree.

One man who has gone a long way in doing this is SBS presenter *Les Murray* - the unofficial patriarch of the Australian soccer media. Murray remains the face of soccer to the general public through his anchoring role at the national broadcaster.

A passionate fan, Murray is encyclopedic in his knowledge of the game and is renowned for his unflappable style, whether in the studio or on the sidelines.

After falling into the soccer hosting role by accident, Murray is now one of the station's celebrities. He has even made it in popular culture with rock band This Is Serious Mum writing a song about him.

Murray's offside during broadcasts is *Johnny Warren*, former Australian captain. Warren has assumed the mantle as perhaps the most respected commentator on the game due to his honest and insightful approach.

An 'Aussie' in a game long regarded as 'ethnic', Warren is passionate about

South American soccer, the development of young players and building the profile of the sport in the general community.

A key participant in the Sydney 2000 Olympic bid, Warren has managed to remain well respected over many years.

One of the pleasures of last season was seeing *Kyle Patterson's* excellent performance as host of SBS's *On the Ball*. A long serving on-road reporter, Patterson proved to be a great find as anchor and has a great future ahead of him.

Another feature of *On the Ball* in 1994/95 was the appearance of the Sydney Morning Herald's *Michael Cockerill*.

Often at loggerheads with some of the biggest names in the game, Cockerill has never been shy when it comes to asking hard questions or pursuing issues he believes are important. Agree or disagree, it's the viewers and readers who benefit from Cockerill's outspoken stance. This year Michael Cockerill can be seen on Optus Vision.

*Ray Gatt* from The Australian is another Sydney-based journalist who

often does not hesitate to speak his mind. Gatt's forthright news style is compulsory reading, as are his personable features on some of the game's biggest names.

In Melbourne, *Peter Desira* from the Herald Sun is a battle-hardened news hound. Dedicated, proficient and well sourced, Desira, who has also had occasional run-ins with officialdom, is respected among his peers.

Desira's friendly cross-town rival is *Laurie Schwab* of The Age. Schwab's enthusiasm for the game is irrepressible and this is reflected in his deep knowledge of the Australian game and his terrific story telling abilities.

A true traditionalist, Schwab can recount with ease stories about soccer's glorious past in this country.

*Phil Murphy* from the Illawarra Mercury and the recently (semi) retired *Alan Crisp* of the Adelaide Advertiser have been covering the game for as long as anyone cares to remember, and have garnered a following in their respective cities.

One of Australian soccer's more interesting reporters is *Greg Blake* from the Melbourne office of Australian and British Soccer Weekly and SBS.

Blake started off visiting grounds in the Victorian state leagues, and has emerged on SBS and radio in recent times as a genuine character injecting a much needed dose of honesty and humour into the game.

Not surprisingly, former players are now starting to make a name for themselves in the media. *Robbie Wheatley*, who has been working for SBS and ABC radio, will bring you all the action on Optus Vision. Wheatley is an excellent performer who has a great future in the media.

There are sure to be more additions to the ranks of players turned media commentators in the future when the likes of *Paul Wade* decide to hang up their boots.

The ranks of soccer journalists are growing all the time and in the space allocated for this article we have had to leave out the likes of *Tom Anderson*, *Paul Williams* and *John Taylor* to name a few.

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# Magic takes out title

Greg Blake reports on the climax to the Victorian Premier League.

Extraordinary twists and turns capped by a dramatic season finale turned the 1995 Victorian Premier League finals series into compelling entertainment.

Altona Magic finally converted potential into greatness with a comeback Grand Final win at Olympic Park to end a roller-coaster four weeks of play-off action.

The Ian Dobson-coached Magic team twice clawed back from a one goal deficit to get home 3-2 against a Bulleen Lions team which had done its own share of record-breaking during the series.

But Magic's maiden win, and Bulleen's quite heroic run to the big game, didn't make the Grand Final the most newsworthy event of the season.

When a young and raw Port Melbourne team danced stylishly into the Grand Final of 1994 (in what was the club's first year in the league) few believed they could top that effort this time around.

Port topped it alright, with masterful Takis Svigos coaching the sensational Sharks to the most successful season in 37 years of Premier League history, and a commanding seven game break in the minor premiership battle.

Unbackable for the title on the eve of the finals, the Sharks lost just one of 26 regular season games, only to drop both finals matches and become the first minor premiership winner at this level to miss both the Grand Final and Championship.

The well-credentialled Sunshine Georgies were similarly placed, the club expected to launch a genuine title bid in this, its third consecutive finals campaign, after winning the coveted double chance.

After losing in a line-ball finals opener to the eventual champs, the Georgies fell in spectacular fashion to Bulleen and went out without a whimper.

The long-awaited arrival of the John Dowie-led Albion Redsox on to the finals scene was greeted with great enthusiasm by the club die-hards.

The Redsox scrambled into fifth spot and didn't disappoint, despite losing the cut-throat elimination final on penalties in the first match of the series against Bulleen.

Magic's Championship victory was not entirely unexpected, state coach Dobson having taken the club from sixth in 1993 to an unlucky fourth last year before rolling to the big one this year.

In his brief period at Paisley Park, Dobson had turned the always talented yet inevitably erratic Altona side into the state's premier outfit.

Beating the high-calibre Lions in the Grand Final proved that in emphatic fashion.

While Bulleen are rightly acknowledged as Victoria's silvertail club, the achievements of the 1995 team under



Post-match ecstasy of the Altona Magic team.

**Extraordinary twists and turns capped by a dramatic season finale turned the 1995 Victorian Premier League finals series into compelling entertainment.**



Rising stars of the Victorian Premier League: DI Iorio, Svigos, Liparoti.

coach Peter Ollerton cannot be understated.

Nine rounds into the season the perennial finalists were a dejected side, with just one win on the board and next to last place on the ladder. A fourth consecutive finals berth appeared lost.

Enter Ollerton who, after taking Preston to the title last year, kick-started the Lions back into life. Bulleen lost only twice more during the campaign and just a final round slip at the hands of Werribee cost Ollerton's team the double chance.

Bulleen set two records on its inspiring journey, becoming the first side to even make the Grand Final from fourth or fifth, and racking up a finals record scoreline of 5-1 over the Georgies along the way.



Bulleen Lions Tom Sonsini excelled himself as a full back this season.

That Bulleen went into the Grand Final as a warm favourite was indicative of the respect it had earned over the season, although few had considered the fatigue factor.

Bulleen's finals road began with a physical and fiery penalty win over Albion in the elimination game, the Redsox coming from behind thanks to a strike from former Bulleen star Mike Vesnaver. On the same day Altona Magic showed some velvet touch to knock over the Sunshine Georgies 2-0 in the qualifying final.

Bulleen and the Georgies produced an enthralling duel in week two, with both clubs facing elimination in the minor semi final.

The match was in the balance for a good 60 minutes before Bulleen turned a

2-1 duel into a 3-1 lead and Sunshine was forced to throw caution to the wind.

They gambled and lost as the Lions rolled to a 5-1 triumph.

The appearance of Port Melbourne in the major semi was greeted with near indifference with the Sharks expected to amble into the Grand Final at the expense of an Altona Magic side which had other ideas.

Inspired by what they had considered a close-shave loss during the home and away season, Dobson's players believed they had Port's measure.

Deep into a gruelling extra time classic, Magic proved the point as Zdravko Atanasovski scored the only goal of a testing struggle.

Week three produced a preliminary final replay of 1994, with Bulleen meeting Port for the right to a Grand Final berth.

And for the third time in three finals meetings between the two clubs, the game went down to penalties.

In the stunner of the year the Lions reversed the 1994 result and put the hottest title favourites in finals history out of the race.

The Grand Final was a classic by any standards.

Socceroo star John Markovski - introduced as a 61st minute substitute - grabbed the winning goal just a minute into extra time with what was one of his rare touches for the game.

It was the first time that the Magic had been in front for the day, but the championship first timers never looked like losing their grip on the title from that point on.

Dale White's Grand Final record-equaling two goals twice put Bulleen on track for success, but the Lions fell foul of four testing finals games and simply ran out of gas.

White steered the Lions in front after 16 minutes with Ice Kutlesovski equalising nine minutes later in a frenetic opening to the big game.

White struck again going into half time but didn't threaten again after his Tom Sonsini-inspired supply lines were cut by Altona Magic after the break.

Altona's team-lifting equaliser on 54 minutes was bizarre but it proved to be a pivotal moment for a team which had earned its slice of luck since the interval.

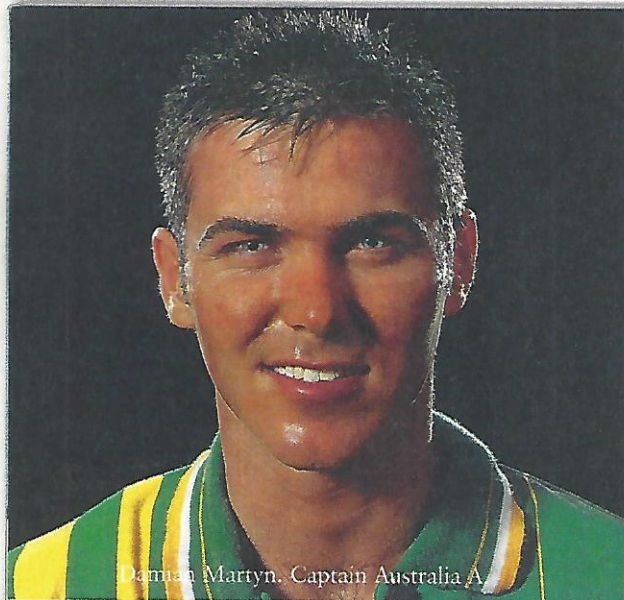
Henry Velkovski's damaging run ended with Jeff Olver kicking the ball out to Nick Georgopoulos, who lobbed the Lions' keeper from 25 metres.

Markovski bobbed up with the winner just two minutes into the 20 minute extra time period as he put a header on target after Emsovski's drive forward deflected off a Bulleen defender.

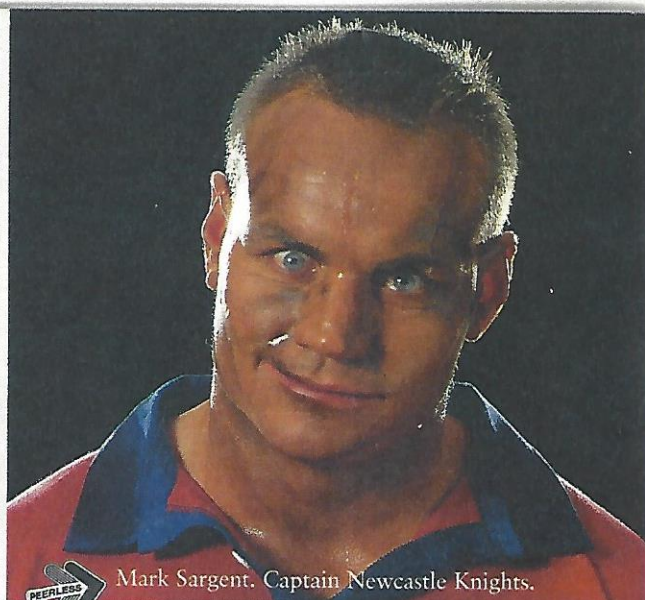
What was expected to be a finals series of a predictable nature proved to be quite the opposite and the string of stunning surprises was capped with a Grand Final for the ages.

Congratulations, Altona Magic. •

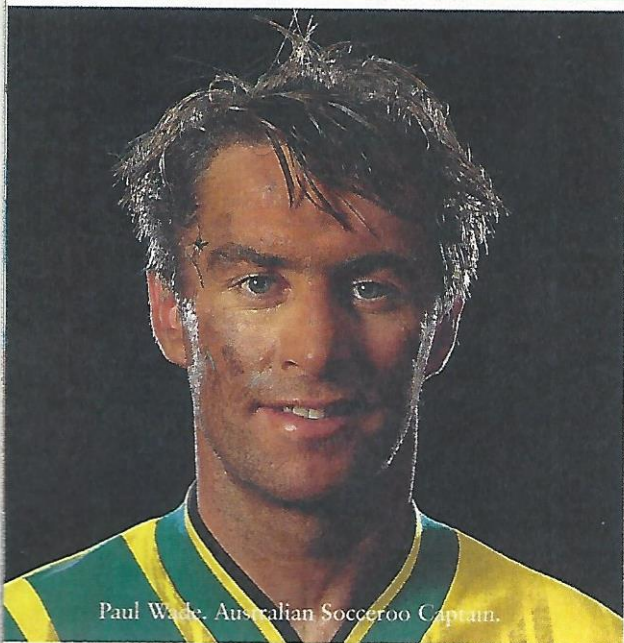




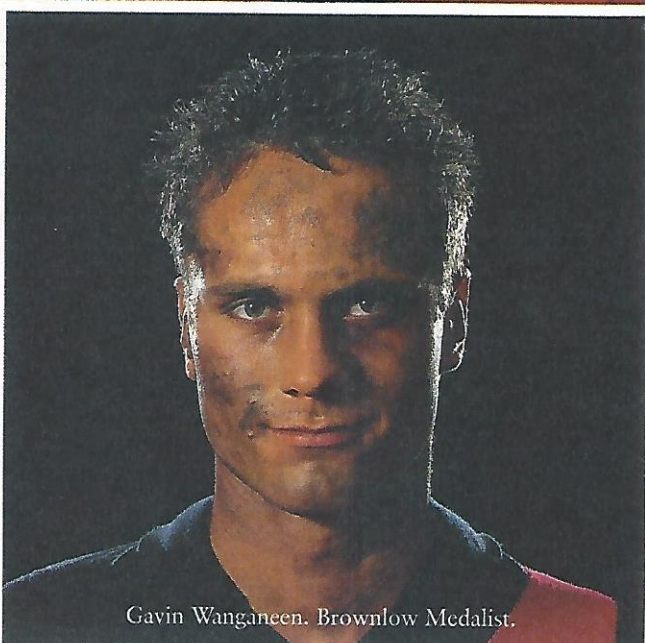
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The European Champions' Cup has begun, and in this article Patrick Mangan analyses the chances of Europe's best.

# Battle begins for Euro hot shots

**T**his time last year, Ajax striker Patrick Kluivert was little more than a twinkle in coach Louis Van Gaal's eye. But five minutes before the final whistle of the European Champions' Cup Final in May, the 18-year-old poked the ball past Milan keeper Rossi to give the Dutchmen a 1-0 victory, and, in the process, became the youngest player ever to score in the Final of the tournament.

The 1995-96 Champions' Cup is overflowing with stars like Vialli, Overmars, Gascoigne, Moeller, Zamorano and Shearer, which makes it unlikely that a similar teenage hero will emerge this time around, but Kluivert and his Ajax cohorts still begin the tournament as one of the favourites. Alongside them will be perennial Euro giants Juventus and Real Madrid in what promises to be an intriguing battle over the next seven months.

**G**ROUP A throws together the French, Portuguese, Ukrainian and Greek Champions in what looks like a tight group. Nantes, which won the French title conceding just one game out of 38, already look jaded this season compared to last. It lost star midfielder Christian Karembeu to Torino and troubled striker Patrice Loko to rivals Paris Saint-Germain in the off-season, and has started slowly in their domestic campaign. But in a group without a clear favourite, it's a little early to write them off for a place in the quarter-finals.

The Portuguese Champions, Porto, managed by former England manager Bobby Robson, swept aside the traditional challenge of Benfica and Sporting Lisbon to claim the local title. Like the Ukrainians Dynamo Kiev, it has to be taken seriously, given that both teams also lost merely once in their respective league seasons. At the time of writing, Kiev's further participation in the Cup was in doubt (pending an inquiry into bribery allegations) and were likely to be replaced by Danish champions Aalborg.

Panathinaikos cruised to the Greek Championship by a 16 point margin and are, in fact, previous Finalists in the European Cup, back in 1971 under the tutelage of the legendary Ferenc Puskas. Given Greek clubs' regularly disappointing performances in European competition, it's as difficult to envisage a Panathinaikos triumph in 1996 as it is to imagine Puskas pulling on the boots for Real Madrid this season.

**G**ROUP B sees Blackburn Rovers, Spartak Moscow, Legia Warsaw and Rosenborg in action. Blackburn, which avoided the preliminary round in spite of never having played previously in the European Cup, will rely heavily on their prolific striker Alan Shearer.

Like Arsenal's Ian Wright, his record at international level is unimpressive, but 34 goals last season in one of the toughest leagues in Europe stamp him as a player worth watching. With their relative European inexperience, Rovers will do well to progress beyond the quarter-finals.

Spartak Moscow easily won the Russian Championship last season, and with experienced forward, Sergei Yuran, leading the line up front the Russians will be solid contenders for the next round. A win away to Blackburn in their first game signalled their intentions.

Legia Warsaw, semi-finalists in the 1991 European Cup Winners Cup but otherwise without a strong European pedigree, came home strongly to win the championship in Poland. In spite of its players being ignored for national duty, the Warsaw outfit will be difficult to break down, particularly given their imposing record in home games.

The Norwegian champions, Rosenborg of Trondheim, will be hopeful of following in the footsteps of the remarkable success of their national team.

Nonetheless, although it has regularly appeared in European competition, qualification for the dizzying heights of the Champions' League is likely to be the summit of Rosenborg's achievements in 1995-96.

**G**ROUP C has to be regarded as the 'Group of Death', the 'Group of Near-Death', or at least the 'Group of What Did We Do To Deserve This?'

Glasgow Rangers is the least-performed of the four contenders, yet it boasts the likes of Paul Gascoigne, Brian Laudrup, Oleg Salenko and Alexei Mikhailichenko within

their ranks. The Glaswegian giants may have won seven consecutive Scottish Championships, but their sluggish performances against the Cypriots, Anorthosis Famagusta, in the previous round suggest it will be an uphill struggle to qualify for the next phase.

German Champions Borussia Dortmund is a serious threat for the Cup. In spite of an early lapse at home to Juventus, any side which contains experienced internationals such as Andy Moeller, Matthias Sammer, Stefan Reuter and the Brazilian Julio Cesar must be treated with respect. The club's fanatical home support may also prove to be significant.

It goes without saying that whoever wins Italy's Serie A isn't going to be a pushover in the Champions' Cup. When the legendary Juventus of Turin wins the local championship, it goes without saying at least twice. The explosive Gianluca Vialli is an obvious focal point in the Juve attack, and the decision of the follically-challenged striker to make himself unavailable for the national team may reap a fruitful harvest for his club.

With Frenchman Didier Deschamps, Portuguese midfielder Paulo Sousa, the 'White Feather' Ravanelli and the youthful exuberance of Del Piero in his midst, it's almost impossible to imagine Vialli and Juventus not having a major say in the destiny of the famous trophy.

The Romanian club Steaua Bucharest is unfancied, but as previous winners of the competition in 1986, shouldn't be entirely disregarded. Containing many members of Romania's recent successful World Cup teams, including Daniel Prodan, Bogdan Stelea and Marius Lacatus, Steaua is certain to at least make life uncomfortable for its Group C counterparts.

Nostradamus' rugby-loving third cousin would concede that Real Madrid and Ajax of Amsterdam are overwhelming favourites to proceed from **GROUP D**. It would certainly take a reckless punter to predict that Hungary's Ferencvaros or Grasshoppers from Switzerland might qualify at the expense of either of the two European heavyweights.

Ajax, which defeated reigning Italian Champions AC Milan three times last season to claim the undisputed crown as the best club side in Europe, has done nothing to suggest it will be less potent in the Champions' Cup this time around.

The Amsterdam cabbage patch which has produced such startling talent as Kluivert, Kanu, Davids, Seedorf and the de Boers has given no indication that there's a drought looming, and coupled with occasional imports like flying Finn Jari Litmanen and the Nigerian Finidi George, it's easy to see why the Dutch side will be backed heavily for a repeat of their 1995 performance.

Real Madrid, in the meantime, is experiencing mixed fortunes. The euphoria of the Spanish Championship victory that broke Barcelona's four year winning sequence, has slowly been doused by a lethargic start to the new domestic campaign. Nonetheless, with the presence of Michael Laudrup, Fredy Rincon, Ivan Zamorano and local hero Michel in the squad, no-one, least of all the studious Ajax coaching team, will be underestimating the Bernabeu side.

Being the support act to the Bogart and Bacall of the Spanish and Dutch Champions is a difficult task, and Ferencvaros of Hungary would have acknowledged its low billing before opening night. An emphatic 3-0 victory away to Grasshoppers in its first game, however, may be the catalyst for an upsurge in its fortunes. Fradi supporters are hopeful.

Zurich's finest, and 23 times champions of Switzerland, Grasshoppers faces a titanic struggle to qualify from Group D. Surprise losers to Sion in the Swiss Cup Final, Grasshoppers isn't expected to upset the Real or Ajax appellation.

The winner of the 1996 Champions' Cup, then, will surely be one of the established European giants. Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid are likely to figure in the final shake-up, but Ajax and Juventus, both finalists in European competition last season, have the collective experience and firepower upfront to deserve equal favourite status at this point.

Ajax versus Juventus in the Final? It mightn't be a bad game. •



# Italian *style* still No.

**While there has been much talk about the resurgence of the English and German leagues this season, Italy still manages to draw the biggest names in world football. Phil Micallef looks at some of the stars in Serie A this season.**

When it comes to quality of players, the number of supporters and the amount of money it generates, Italian league football is still top of the pops.

The Serie A championship attracts the biggest names of the world game, still enjoys the biggest crowds in Europe, and its best clubs are still among the strongest in the world.

Twenty years ago Italy's calcio was as appealing to the world as dressage in slow motion. But the re-opening of the foreign transfer market in the late '70s gave the defence minded Italian clubs and their cautious coaches a new offensive mentality.

The plethora of imports encouraged local players to lose their cautious shell and make use of their creativity, flair and natural skill. Italian football suddenly became flavour of the month.

Players like Platini, Boniek, Brady, Maradona, Careca, Falcao, Van Basten, Gullit and Matthaus made Serie A the stage for football excellence, and the world responded accordingly.

The reputation of Italian football is such that the television rights are sold to 65 countries, and the millions of dollars injected into Italy's national pastime allows its clubs to keep acquiring the best talent in the business.

Although it is not one-way traffic – English and German clubs are actually buying players from Italy now – Serie A is still an irresistible attraction to many ambitious players. They do say, after all, that if you can play in Italy you can play anywhere.

The last off-season was no exception as no fewer than 18 foreign stars were enlisted by Italy's success-hungry clubs.

The new arrivals compensated for the departure of famous players like Gullit, Platt, Kohler, Santos, Sosa, Bergkamp and Rincon.

Rich clubs like AC Milan, Internazionale, Sampdoria and Parma have invested heavily in foreign talent in a bid for national and international glory.

The biggest signings were those of George Weah, Paul Ince, Roberto Carlos, Clarence Seedorf and Hristo Stoichkov.

But other imports are already making their mark.

New Caledonian Christian Karembeu, who moved from French champions Nantes to Sampdoria, is bringing back the smile to La Samp's fans. Another player who should find the pace of Italian football to his liking is Swedish midfielder Stefan Schwarz, who quit Arsenal to join Fiorentina.

Torino should also receive a boost with the acquisition of Turkish international Hakan Sukur, who should be a suitable replacement for Andrea Silenzi who left Italian football to try his luck with Nottingham Forest.

This season's Serie A should again be an enthralling exercise in all that is big, bold and beautiful in soccer. It's a competition that rewards enterprise and skill, the sort of creative attacking football that draws millions of fans to the Beautiful Game.

The teams to beat this season include Juventus, Milan, Lazio and Parma. Not surprisingly they have a total of 12 quality foreigners on their books, highlighting the fact that the secret of success is expanding your horizons.

But then again, hasn't that always been the case? Real Madrid, in its heyday 35 years ago, had a

Hungarian striker in Puskas, an Argentinian captain in Di Stefano and a Uruguayan centre-half in Santamaria.

Inter's best years in the mid-'60s came when it had a Spanish midfield master in Suarez and a Brazilian winger in Jair. And what would Liverpool have done without the influence of Scottish trio Hansen, Souness and Dalglish?

## George Weah

The feared Liberian striker left Paris St Germain for AC Milan in world soccer's worst kept secret and it did not take him long to become a hit with the demanding fans.

Weah was the main factor behind the Parisians' rise from relative obscurity to international fame thanks to his speed and sheer strength. Weah's reputation as a formidable goalpoacher was firmly established in last season's Champions League.

In a group match against Spartak Moscow, Weah picked up a loose ball outside the Russians' penalty area and, after beating four men in a mazy dribble, found the net with an unstoppable rising shot to the near post that stunned the Parc des Princes gallery.

Weah is beginning to form a lethal understanding with star players Roberto Baggio and Dejan Savicevic. He scored on his Italian league debut at Padova, made Milan's winning goal in his second match against Udinese and scored twice more in Milan's 2-1 win against Roma. Already he is being touted as the next Van Basten.

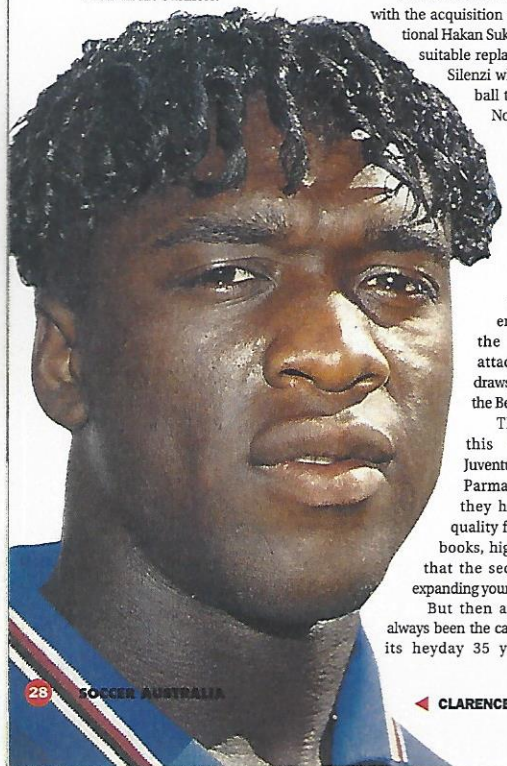
## Paul Ince

The England midfielder might just be the man struggling to need to return to the top of Italian and international football.

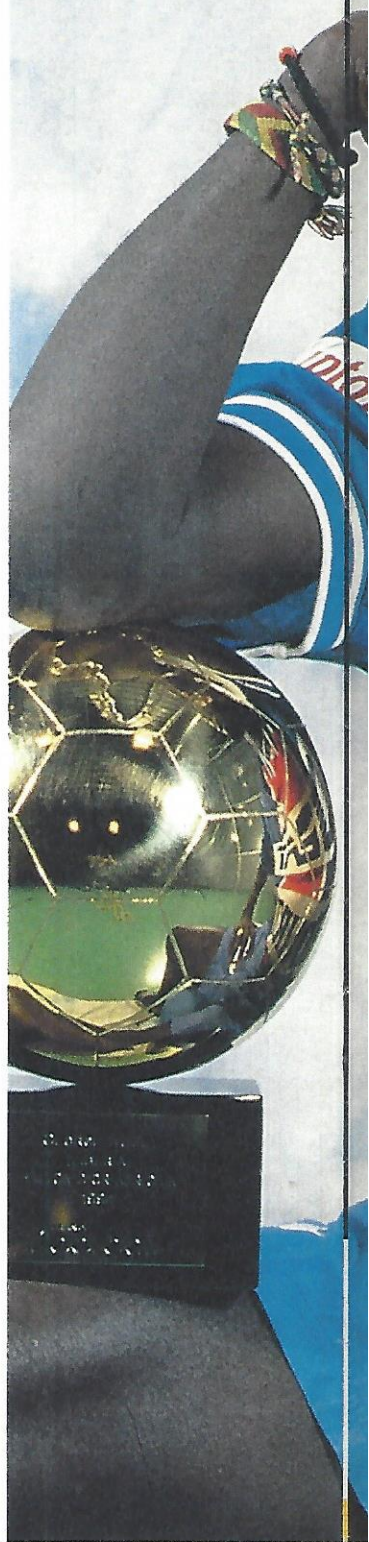
The former Manchester United dynamo should give the Milanese side more steel in the vital area in the middle of the park. And he can shoot a bit, too.

If he curbs his notorious temper and concentrates on what he does best – that is, drive his team forward incessantly – Ince could become another Mario Bertini, the '70s midfielder whose ferocious midfield play helped Inter to a league championship and Italy to the 1970 World Cup Final.

Ince has history against him, though. Few British players – with the exception of the unforgettable Welshman John Charles in the '60s – have succeeded in adapting to the passionate world of Italian football.



◀ CLARENCE SEEDORF





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◀ HRISTO STOICHKOV (LEFT)

◀ GEORGE WEAH (FAR LEFT)

### Roberto Carlos

The flashy Brazilian is probably the greatest fullback to emerge from South America since the legendary Carlos Alberto.

The left-sided player is equally at ease in defence and in attack and was one of Brazil's many stars in the recent Copa America in Uruguay.

The Palmeiras defender, who is small in stature but very solidly built, also possesses a venomous shot. He scored on his Serie A debut for Inter with a long-distance rocket that was deflected into the Vicenza net.

Carlos' overall skill and consistency are such that he is keeping classy full-back Leonardo out of the Brazilian side, an indication that he should soon be one of the stars of world football.

### Clarence Seedorf

Every great team needs a born fighter, they say. And Sampdoria must have had this motto in mind when they went after Ajax Amsterdam's mighty midjet Clarence Seedorf in the off-season.

Stocky Seedorf was the driving force behind the Dutchmen's great season that netted them a rare League and European Cup double and he was easily the best midfielder on show in the Euro final with Milan. With the departure of Vladimir Jugovic to Juventus, Sampdoria needed a non-stop player who could win the key tackles in midfield and come up with the odd goal when it mattered. Seedorf should fit the bill perfectly.

### Hristo Stoichkov

The coup of the summer. The Bulgarian striker could be just the man Parma needs to become a really great side.

Stoichkov left Barcelona after five

tremendous seasons when his relationship with coach Johan Cruyff became impossible. Two high-profile personalities just could not get on any more and something had to give.

Parma stepped in, and his partnership with Italian international Gianfranco Zola should provide its fans with lots of memorable moments at home and abroad.

Stoichkov is a marvellous player, no doubt about that. He's big, strong, immensely skilful on the ground and in the air and has a deadly left foot. In his first league match in Italy against Atalanta he found the net with a sweetly struck free kick that had class written all over it.

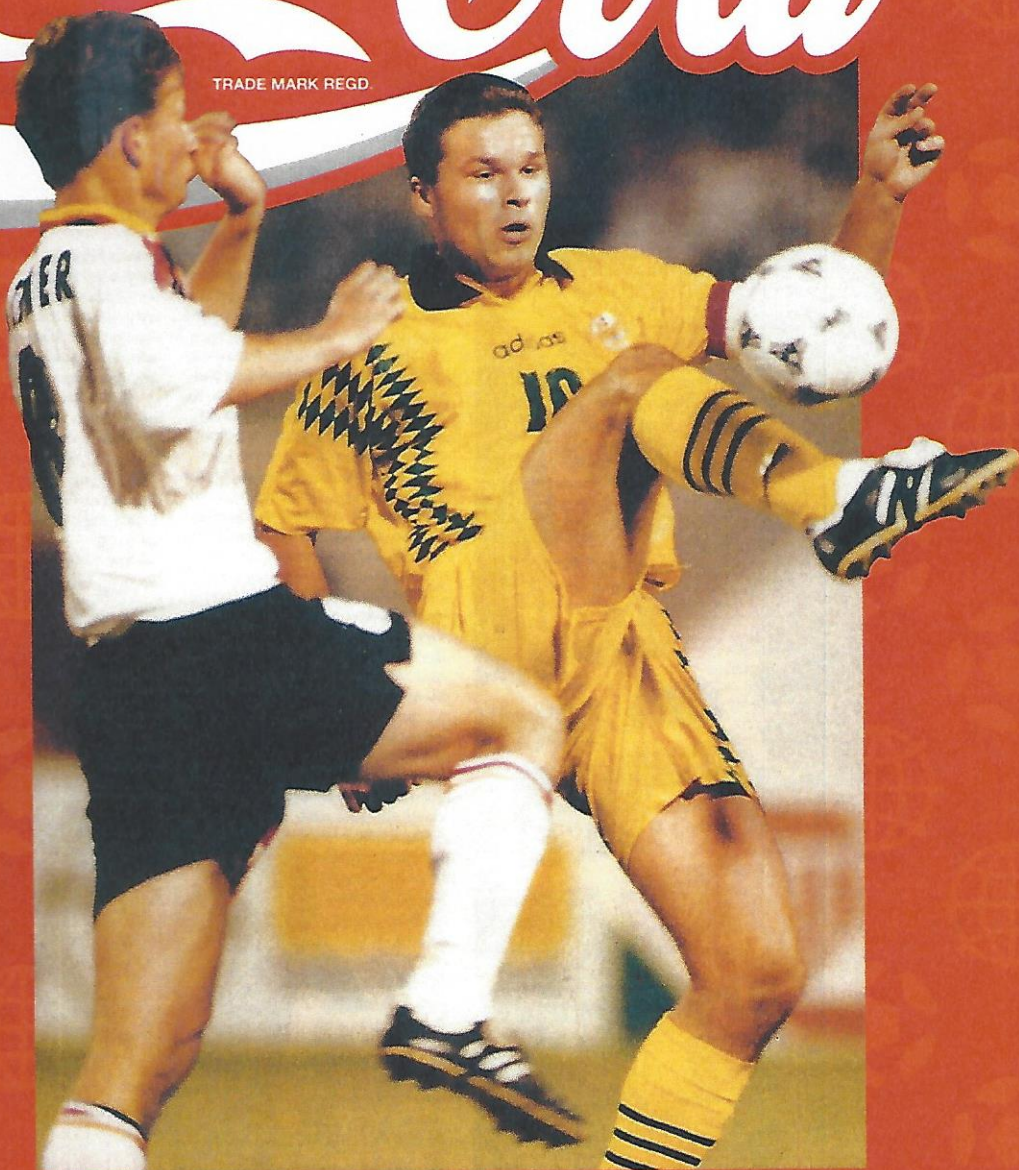
Hot-headed Stoichkov will have to be on his best behaviour in Italy. Italian referees are not as lenient as those in Spain, something coach Nevio Scala would have warned him about. But then again, Stoichkov is known to have a mind of his own. ♦





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Fiorentina - Torino  
Inter - Vicenza  
Juventus - Cremonese  
Lazio - Piacenza  
Padova - Milan  
Sampdoria - Roma  
Udinese - Cagliari

### Round 2 10-9 28-1

Cagliari - Lazio  
Cremonese - Sampdoria  
Milan - Udinese  
Napoli - Padova  
Parma - Inter  
Piacenza - Juventus  
Roma - Atalanta  
Torino - Bari  
Vicenza - Fiorentina

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Atalanta - Napoli  
Bari - Lazio  
Fiorentina - Cagliari  
Inter - Piacenza  
Juventus - Vicenza  
Padova - Torino  
Roma - Milan  
Sampdoria - Parma  
Udinese - Cremonese

### Round 4 24-9 11-2

Cagliari - Juventus  
Cremonese - Roma  
Lazio - Udinese  
Milan - Atalanta  
Napoli - Inter  
Parma - Fiorentina  
Piacenza - Bari  
Torino - Sampdoria  
Vicenza - Padova

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Atalanta - Piacenza  
Bari - Milan  
Fiorentina - Cremonese  
Inter - Torino  
Juventus - Napoli  
Padova - Parma  
Roma - Lazio  
Sampdoria - Cagliari  
Udinese - Vicenza

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Atalanta - Udinese  
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Piacenza - Cremonese  
Udinese - Padova  
Vicenza - Cagliari

### Round 15 23-12 28-4

Cremonese - Torino  
Fiorentina - Milan  
Inter - Cagliari  
Juventus - Roma  
Lazio - Atalanta  
Padova - Piacenza  
Parma - Vicenza  
Sampdoria - Napoli  
Udinese - Bari

### Round 16 7-1 5-5

Atalanta - Juventus  
Bari - Inter  
Cagliari - Padova  
Milan - Sampdoria  
Napoli - Lazio  
Piacenza - Udinese  
Roma - Fiorentina  
Torino - Parma  
Vicenza - Cremonese

### Round 17 14-1 12-5

Cremonese - Milan  
Fiorentina - Piacenza  
Inter - Roma  
Juventus - Bari  
Lazio - Torino  
Padova - Atalanta  
Parma - Cagliari  
Sampdoria - Vicenza  
Udinese - Napoli

### Round 3 26-8 3-2

Bolton - Blackburn  
Coventry - Arsenal  
Everton - Southampton  
Leeds - Aston Villa  
Manchester U. - Wimbledon  
Middlesbro - Chelsea  
Nottingham F. - West Ham  
QPR - Manchester C.  
Sheffield - Newcastle  
Tottenham - Liverpool

### Round 4 30-8 10-2

Arsenal - Nottingham F.  
Blackburn - Manchester U.  
Wimbledon - Sheffield W. W.  
Aston Villa - Bolton  
Chelsea - Coventry  
Liverpool - QPR  
Manchester C. - Everton  
Newcastle - Middlesbro  
Southampton - Leeds  
West Ham - Tottenham

### Round 5 9-9 17-2

Blackburn - Aston Villa  
Bolton - Middlesbro  
Coventry - Nottingham F.  
Everton - Manchester U.  
Manchester C. - Arsenal  
QPR - Sheffield  
Southampton - Newcastle  
Tottenham - Leeds  
West Ham - Chelsea  
Wimbledon - Liverpool

### Round 6 16-9 17-2

Arsenal - West Ham  
Aston Villa - Wimbledon  
Chelsea - Southampton  
Leeds - QPR  
Liverpool - Blackburn  
Manchester U. - Bolton  
Middlesbro - Coventry  
Newcastle - Manchester C.  
Nottingham F. - Everton  
Sheffield - Tottenham

### Round 7 23-9 9-12

Arsenal - Southampton  
Aston Villa - Nottingham F.  
Blackburn - Coventry  
Liverpool - Bolton  
Manchester C. - Middlesbro  
Newcastle - Chelsea  
QPR - Tottenham  
Sheffield - Manchester U.  
West Ham - Everton  
Wimbledon - Leeds

### Round 8 30-9 16-12

Bolton - QPR  
Chelsea - Arsenal  
Coventry - Aston Villa  
Everton - Newcastle  
Leeds - Sheffield  
Manchester U. - Liverpool  
Middlesbro - Blackburn  
Nottingham F. - Manchester C.  
Southampton - West Ham  
Tottenham - Wimbledon

### Round 9 14-10 6-4

Aston Villa - Chelsea  
Blackburn - Southampton  
Bolton - Everton  
Leeds - Arsenal  
Liverpool - Coventry  
Manchester U. - Manchester C.  
QPR - Newcastle  
Sheffield - Middlesbro  
Tottenham - Nottingham F.  
Wimbledon - West Ham

### Round 10 21-10 2-12

Arsenal - Aston Villa  
Chelsea - Manchester U.  
Coventry - Sheffield  
Everton - Tottenham  
Manchester C. - Leeds  
Middlesbro - QPR  
Newcastle - Wimbledon  
Nottingham F. - Bolton  
Southampton - Liverpool  
West Ham - Blackburn

### Round 11 28-10 4-5

Aston Villa - Everton  
Blackburn - Chelsea  
Bolton - Arsenal  
Leeds - Coventry  
Liverpool - Manchester C.  
Manchester U. - Middlesbro  
QPR - Nottingham F.  
Sheffield - West Ham  
Tottenham - Newcastle  
Wimbledon - Southampton

### Round 12 4-11 30-3

Arsenal - Manchester U.  
Chelsea - Tottenham  
Coventry - Tottenham  
Everton - Blackburn  
Manchester C. - Bolton  
Middlesbro - Leeds  
Newcastle - Liverpool  
Nottingham F. - Wimbledon  
Southampton - QPR  
West Ham - Aston Villa

### Round 13 18-11 13-4

Aston Villa - Newcastle  
Blackburn - Nottingham F.  
Bolton - West Ham  
Leeds - Chelsea  
Liverpool - Everton  
Manchester U. - Southampton  
QPR - Coventry  
Sheffield - Manchester C.  
Tottenham - Arsenal  
Wimbledon - Middlesbro

### Round 14 22-11 8-4

Newcastle - Blackburn  
Arsenal - Sheffield  
Middlesbro - Tottenham  
Chelsea - Bolton  
Coventry - Manchester U.  
Everton - QPR  
Manchester C. - Wimbledon  
Nottingham F. - Leeds  
Southampton - Aston Villa  
West Ham - Liverpool

### Round 15 25-11 27-4

Arsenal - Blackburn  
Chelsea - Tottenham  
Coventry - Wimbledon  
Everton - Sheffield  
Manchester C. - Aston Villa  
Middlesbro - Liverpool  
Newcastle - Leeds  
Nottingham F. - Manchester U.  
Southampton - Bolton  
West Ham - QPR

### Round 16 23-12 9-3

Coventry - Everton  
Leeds - Manchester U.  
Liverpool - Arsenal  
Manchester C. - Chelsea  
Middlesbro - West Ham  
Newcastle - Nottingham F.  
QPR - Aston Villa  
Sheffield - Southampton  
Tottenham - Bolton  
Wimbledon - Blackburn

## ENGLAND

### Round 1 19-8 13-1

Arsenal - Middlesbro  
Aston Villa - Manchester U.  
Blackburn - QPR  
Chelsea - Everton  
Liverpool - Sheffield W.  
Manchester C. - Tottenham  
Newcastle - Coventry  
Southampton - Nottingham F.  
West Ham - Leeds  
Wimbledon - Bolton

### Round 2 23-8 20-1

Bolton - Newcastle  
Leeds - Liverpool  
Middlesbro - Southampton  
Coventry - Manchester C.  
Everton - Arsenal  
Manchester U. - West Ham  
Nottingham F. - Chelsea  
QPR - Wimbledon  
Sheffield - Blackburn  
Tottenham - Aston Villa



**Round 17** 26-12 2-3  
 Arsenal - QPR  
 Aston Villa - Liverpool  
 Blackburn - Manchester C.  
 Bolton - Leeds  
 Chelsea - Wimbledon  
 Everton - Middlesbro  
 Manchester U. - Newcastle  
 Nottingham F. - Sheffield  
 Southampton - Tottenham  
 West Ham - Coventry

**Round 18** 30-12 16-3  
 Arsenal - Wimbledon  
 Aston Villa - Sheffield  
 Blackburn - Tottenham  
 Bolton - Coventry  
 Chelsea - Liverpool  
 Everton - Leeds  
 Manchester U. - QPR  
 Nottingham F. - Middlesbro  
 Southampton - Manchester C.  
 West Ham - Newcastle

**Round 19** 1-1 23-3  
 Coventry - Southampton  
 Leeds - Blackburn  
 Liverpool - Nottingham F.  
 Manchester C. - West Ham  
 Middlesbro - Aston Villa  
 Newcastle - Arsenal  
 QPR - Chelsea  
 Sheffield - Bolton  
 Tottenham - Manchester U.  
 Wimbledon - Everton

**Round 3** 30-8 24-2  
 Cologne - Hamburg  
 Werder - Karlsruhe  
 Bayern - Uerdingen  
 Eintracht - Munich 1860  
 Stuttgart - Freiburg  
 St. Pauli - Kaiserslautern  
 Borussia MG - Leverkusen  
 Schalke 04 - Fortuna  
 Rostock - Dortmund

**Round 4** 2-9 2-3  
 Leverkusen - St. Pauli  
 Freiburg - Eintracht  
 Munich 1860 - Bayern  
 Uerdingen - Werder  
 Karlsruhe - Cologne  
 Hamburg - Schalke 04  
 Fortuna - Rostock  
 Dortmund - Borussia MG  
 Kaiserslautern - Stuttgart

**Round 5** 9-9 9-3  
 Cologne - Uerdingen  
 Werder - Munich 1860  
 Bayern - Freiburg  
 Eintracht - Kaiserslautern  
 Stuttgart - Leverkusen  
 St. Pauli - Dortmund  
 Fortuna - Hamburg  
 Schalke 04 - Karlsruhe  
 Rostock - Borussia MG

**Round 6** 16-9 16-3  
 Leverkusen - Eintracht  
 Freiburg - Werder  
 Munich 1860 - Cologne  
 Uerdingen - Schalke 04  
 Karlsruhe - Fortuna  
 Hamburg - Rostock  
 Borussia MG - St. Pauli  
 Dortmund - Stuttgart  
 Kaiserslautern - Bayern

**Round 7** 23-9 23-3  
 Cologne - Freiburg  
 Werder - Kaiserslautern  
 Bayern - Leverkusen  
 Eintracht - Dortmund  
 Stuttgart - Borussia MG  
 Hamburg - Karlsruhe  
 Fortuna - Uerdingen  
 Schalke 04 - Munich 1860  
 Rostock - St. Pauli

**Round 8** 30-9 30-3  
 Leverkusen - Werder  
 Freiburg - Schalke 04  
 Munich 1860 - Fortuna  
 Uerdingen - Hamburg  
 Karlsruhe - Rostock  
 St. Pauli - Stuttgart  
 Borussia MG - Eintracht  
 Dortmund - Bayern  
 Kaiserslautern - Cologne

**Round 9** 14-10 6-4  
 Cologne - Leverkusen  
 Werder - Dortmund  
 Bayern - Borussia MG  
 Eintracht - St. Pauli  
 Karlsruhe - Uerdingen  
 Hamburg - Munich 1860  
 Fortuna - Freiburg  
 Schalke 04 - Kaiserslautern  
 Rostock - Stuttgart

**Round 10** 21-10 -9-4  
 Leverkusen - Schalke 04  
 Freiburg - Hamburg  
 Munich 1860 - Karlsruhe  
 Uerdingen - Rostock  
 Stuttgart - Eintracht  
 St. Pauli - Bayern

Borussia MG - Werder  
 Dortmund - Cologne  
 Kaiserslautern - Fortuna

**Round 11** 28-10 13-4  
 Cologne - Borussia MG  
 Werder - St. Pauli  
 Bayern - Stuttgart  
 Uerdingen - Munich 1860  
 Karlsruhe - Freiburg  
 Hamburg - Kaiserslautern  
 Fortuna - Leverkusen  
 Schalke 04 - Dortmund  
 Rostock - Eintracht

**Round 12** 4-11 20-4  
 Leverkusen - Hamburg  
 Freiburg - Uerdingen  
 Munich 1860 - Rostock  
 Eintracht - Bayern  
 Stuttgart - Werder  
 St. Pauli - Cologne  
 Borussia MG - Schalke 04  
 Dortmund - Fortuna  
 Kaiserslautern - Karlsruhe

**Round 13** 11-11 27-4  
 Cologne - Stuttgart  
 Werder - Eintracht  
 Munich 1860 - Freiburg  
 Uerdingen - Kaiserslautern  
 Karlsruhe - Leverkusen  
 Hamburg - Dortmund  
 Fortuna - Borussia MG  
 Schalke 04 - St. Pauli  
 Rostock - Bayern

**Round 14** 18-11 30-4  
 Leverkusen - Uerdingen  
 Freiburg - Rostock  
 Bayern - Werder  
 Eintracht - Cologne  
 Stuttgart - Schalke 04  
 St. Pauli - Fortuna  
 Borussia MG - Hamburg  
 Dortmund - Karlsruhe  
 Kaiserslautern - Munich 1860

**Round 15** 25-11 4-5  
 Cologne - Bayern  
 Werder - Rostock  
 Munich 1860 - Leverkusen  
 Uerdingen - Dortmund  
 Karlsruhe - Borussia MG  
 Hamburg - St. Pauli  
 Fortuna - Stuttgart  
 Schalke 04 - Eintracht  
 Kaiserslautern - Freiburg

**Round 16** 2-12 11-5  
 Leverkusen - Freiburg  
 Werder - Cologne  
 Bayern - Schalke 04  
 Eintracht - Fortuna  
 Stuttgart - Hamburg  
 St. Pauli - Karlsruhe  
 Borussia MG - Uerdingen  
 Dortmund - Munich 1860  
 Rostock - Kaiserslautern

**Round 17** 9-12 18-5  
 Cologne - Rostock  
 Freiburg - Dortmund  
 Munich 1860 - Borussia MG  
 Uerdingen - St. Pauli  
 Karlsruhe - Stuttgart  
 Hamburg - Eintracht  
 Fortuna - Bayern  
 Schalke 04 - Werder  
 Kaiserslautern - Leverkusen

**Round 5** 1-10 11-2  
 Real Madrid - Zaragoza  
 Rayo Vallecano - Tenerife  
 Sevilla - Sp. Gijon  
 Ath. Bilbao - Santander  
 La Coruna - Compostela  
 Celta - Real Sociedad  
 Oviedo - Espanol  
 Mérida - Betis  
 Valencia - Salamanca  
 Barcelona - At. Madrid

**Round 6** 4-10 18-2  
 Zaragoza - Barcelona  
 Tenerife - Real Madrid  
 Sp. Gijon - Rayo Vallecano  
 Santander - Sevilla  
 Compostela - Ath. Bilbao  
 Real Sociedad - La Coruna  
 Espanol - Celta  
 Betis - Oviedo  
 Salamanca - Mérida  
 At. Madrid - Valencia

**Round 7** 15-10 25-2  
 Zaragoza - Tenerife  
 Real Madrid - Sp. Gijon  
 Rayo Vallecano - Santander  
 Sevilla - Compostela  
 Ath. Bilbao - Real Sociedad  
 La Coruna - Espanol  
 Celta - Betis  
 Oviedo - Salamanca  
 Mérida - At. Madrid  
 Barcelona - Valencia

**Round 8** 22-10 3-3  
 Tenerife - Barcelona  
 Sp. Gijon - Zaragoza  
 Santander - Real Madrid  
 Compostela - Rayo Vallecano  
 Real Sociedad - Sevilla  
 Espanol - Ath. Bilbao  
 Betis - La Coruna  
 Salamanca - Celta  
 At. Madrid - Oviedo  
 Valencia - Mérida

**Round 9** 29-10 10-3  
 Tenerife - Sp. Gijon  
 Zaragoza - Santander  
 Real Madrid - Compostela  
 Rayo Vallecano - Real Sociedad  
 Sevilla - Espanol  
 Ath. Bilbao - Betis  
 La Coruna - Salamanca  
 Celta - At. Madrid  
 Oviedo - Valencia  
 Barcelona - Mérida

**Round 10** 5-11 17-3  
 Sp. Gijon - Barcelona  
 Santander - Tenerife  
 Compostela - Zaragoza  
 Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
 Espanol - Rayo Vallecano  
 Betis - Sevilla  
 Salamanca - Ath. Bilbao  
 At. Madrid - La Coruna  
 Valencia - Celta  
 Mérida - Oviedo

**Round 11** 12-11 24-3  
 Sp. Gijon - Santander  
 Tenerife - Compostela  
 Zaragoza - Real Sociedad  
 Real Madrid - Espanol  
 Rayo Vallecano - Betis  
 Sevilla - Salamanca  
 Ath. Bilbao - At. Madrid  
 La Coruna - Valencia  
 Celta - Mérida  
 Barcelona - Oviedo

## SPAIN

**Round 1** 3-9 21-1  
 Sevilla - Rayo Vallecano  
 Ath. Bilbao - Real Madrid  
 La Coruna - Zaragoza  
 Celta - Tenerife  
 Oviedo - Sp. Gijon  
 Mérida - Santander  
 Valencia - Compostela  
 At. Madrid - Real Sociedad  
 Salamanca - Espanol  
 Barcelona - Betis

**Round 2** 10-9 24-1  
 Rayo Vallecano - Barcelona  
 Real Madrid - Sevilla  
 Zaragoza - Ath. Bilbao  
 Tenerife - La Coruna  
 Sp. Gijon - Celta  
 Santander - Oviedo  
 Compostela - Mérida  
 Real Sociedad - Valencia  
 Espanol - At. Madrid  
 Betis - Salamanca

**Round 3** 17-9 28-1  
 Rayo Vallecano - Real Madrid  
 Sevilla - Zaragoza  
 Ath. Bilbao - Tenerife  
 La Coruna - Sp. Gijon  
 Celta - Santander  
 Oviedo - Compostela  
 Mérida - Real Sociedad  
 Valencia - Espanol  
 At. Madrid - Betis  
 Barcelona - Salamanca

**Round 4** 24-9 4-2  
 Real Madrid - Barcelona  
 Zaragoza - Rayo Vallecano  
 Tenerife - Sevilla  
 Sp. Gijon - Ath. Bilbao  
 Santander - La Coruna  
 Compostela - Celta  
 Real Sociedad - Oviedo  
 Espanol - Mérida  
 Betis - Valencia  
 Salamanca - At. Madrid

## GERMANY

**Round 1** 12-8 10-2  
 Cologne - Schalke 04  
 Werder - Fortuna  
 Bayern - Hamburg  
 Eintracht - Karlsruhe  
 St. Pauli - Munich 1860  
 Stuttgart - Uerdingen  
 Borussia MG - Freiburg  
 Dortmund - Kaiserslautern  
 Rostock - Leverkusen

**Round 2** 19-8 17-2  
 Leverkusen - Dortmund  
 Freiburg - St. Pauli  
 Munich 1860 - Stuttgart  
 Uerdingen - Eintracht  
 Karlsruhe - Bayern  
 Hamburg - Werder  
 Fortuna - Cologne  
 Schalke 04 - Rostock  
 Kaiserslautern - Borussia MG



**Round 12** 19-11 31-3  
Santander - Barcelona  
Compostela - Sp. Gijón  
Real Sociedad - Tenerife  
Espanol - Zaragoza  
Betis - Real Madrid  
Salamanca - Rayo Vallecano  
At. Madrid - Sevilla  
Valencia - Ath. Bilbao  
Mérída - La Coruña  
Oviedo - Celta

**Round 13** 26-11 7-4  
Santander - Compostela  
Sp. Gijón - Real Sociedad  
Tenerife - Espanol  
Zaragoza - Betis  
Real Madrid - Salamanca  
Rayo Vallecano - At. Madrid  
Sevilla - Valencia  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Barcelona - Celta

**Round 14** 3-12 14-4  
Compostela - Barcelona  
Real Sociedad - Santander  
Espanol - Sp. Gijón  
Betis - Tenerife  
Salamanca - Zaragoza  
At. Madrid - Real Madrid  
Valencia - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Sevilla  
Oviedo - Ath. Bilbao  
Celta - La Coruña

**Round 15** 10-12 21-4  
Compostela - Real Sociedad  
Santander - Espanol  
Sp. Gijón - Betis  
Tenerife - Salamanca  
Zaragoza - At. Madrid  
Real Madrid - Valencia  
Rayo Vallecano - Mérida  
Sevilla - Oviedo  
Ath. Bilbao - Celta  
Barcelona - La Coruña

**Round 16** 17-12 28-4  
Real Sociedad - Barcelona  
Espanol - Compostela  
Betis - Santander  
Salamanca - Sp. Gijón  
At. Madrid - Tenerife  
Valencia - Zaragoza  
Mérída - Real Madrid  
Oviedo - Rayo Vallecano  
Celta - Sevilla  
La Coruña - Ath. Bilbao

**Round 17** 20-12 5-5  
Real Sociedad - Espanol  
Compostela - Betis  
Santander - Salamanca  
Sp. Gijón - At. Madrid  
Tenerife - Valencia  
Zaragoza - Mérida  
Real Madrid - Oviedo  
Rayo Vallecano - Celta  
Sevilla - La Coruña  
Barcelona - Ath. Bilbao

**Round 18** 7-1 12-5  
Barcelona - Espanol  
Betis - Real Sociedad  
Salamanca - Compostela  
At. Madrid - Santander  
Valencia - Sp. Gijón  
Mérída - Tenerife  
Oviedo - Zaragoza  
Celta - Real Madrid  
La Coruña - Rayo Vallecano  
Ath. Bilbao - Sevilla

**Round 19** 14-1 19-5  
Espanol - Betis  
Real Sociedad - Salamanca  
Compostela - At. Madrid  
Santander - Valencia  
Sp. Gijón - Mérida  
Tenerife - Oviedo  
Zaragoza - Celta  
Real Madrid - La Coruña  
Rayo Vallecano - Ath. Bilbao  
Sevilla - Barcelona

**Round 20** 19-12 12-3  
Santander - Real Sociedad  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Compostela  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 21** 26-12 19-5  
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Valencia  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 22** 2-1 1-12  
Auxerre - Gueugnon  
Bordeaux - St. Etienne  
Lille - Bastia  
Paris SG - Gueugnon  
Nice - Monaco  
Martigues - Nantes  
Metz - Lens  
Rennes - Cannes  
Lyon - Montpellier  
Strasbourg - Le Havre

**Round 23** 5-8 9-12  
Nantes - Paris SG  
Bastia - Bordeaux  
St. Etienne - Lille  
Gueugnon - Nice  
Gueugnon - Martigues  
Monaco - Auxerre  
Cannes - Metz  
Montpellier - Rennes  
Lens - Strasbourg  
Le Havre - Lyon

**Round 24** 9-8 16-2  
Auxerre - Lens  
Bordeaux - Nantes  
Lille - Gueugnon  
Bastia - Monaco  
Paris SG - St. Etienne  
Nice - Gueugnon  
Martigues - Cannes  
Metz - Montpellier  
Rennes - Le Havre  
Lyon - Strasbourg

**Round 25** 16-1 12-3  
Auxerre - Lens  
Bordeaux - Nantes  
Lille - Gueugnon  
Bastia - Monaco  
Paris SG - St. Etienne  
Nice - Gueugnon  
Martigues - Cannes  
Metz - Montpellier  
Rennes - Le Havre  
Lyon - Strasbourg

**Round 5** 19-8 16-2  
Nantes - Nice  
St. Etienne - Bastia  
Gueugnon - Bordeaux  
Gueugnon - Paris SG  
Monaco - Martigues  
Cannes - Lille  
Montpellier - Auxerre  
Strasbourg - Rennes  
Lens - Lyon  
Le Havre - Metz

**Round 6** 26-8 19-1  
Auxerre - Cannes  
Bordeaux - Monaco  
Lille - Nantes  
Bastia - Gueugnon  
Paris SG - Le Havre  
St. Etienne - Gueugnon  
Nice - Lens  
Martigues - Montpellier  
Metz - Strasbourg  
Rennes - Lyon

**Round 7** 30-8 27-1  
Nantes - St. Etienne  
Gueugnon - Bastia  
Gueugnon - Bordeaux  
Monaco - Lille  
Cannes - Paris SG  
Lyon - Metz  
Montpellier - Nice  
Strasbourg - Martigues  
Lens - Rennes  
Le Havre - Auxerre

**Round 8** 9-9 7-2  
Auxerre - Strasbourg  
Bordeaux - Cannes  
Lille - Lens  
Bastia - Nantes  
Paris SG - Monaco  
St. Etienne - Gueugnon  
Nice - Le Havre  
Gueugnon - Montpellier  
Martigues - Lille  
Metz - Rennes

**Round 9** 16-9 10-2  
Nantes - Gueugnon  
Gueugnon - Lille  
Monaco - Metz  
Rennes - Martigues  
Cannes - St. Etienne  
Lyon - Auxerre  
Montpellier - Paris SG  
Strasbourg - Nice  
Lens - Bastia  
Le Havre - Bordeaux

**Round 10** 22-9 17-2  
Nantes - Lens  
Auxerre - Rennes  
Bordeaux - Montpellier  
Lille - Le Havre  
Bastia - Cannes  
Paris SG - Strasbourg  
St. Etienne - Monaco  
Nice - Lyon  
Gueugnon - Gueugnon  
Martigues - Metz

**Round 11** 30-9 1-3  
Gueugnon - Nantes  
Metz - Auxerre  
Monaco - Gueugnon  
Rennes - Bastia  
Cannes - Nice  
Lyon - St. Etienne  
Montpellier - Lille  
Strasbourg - Bordeaux  
Lens - Paris SG  
Le Havre - Martigues

**Round 12** 4-10 9-3  
Nantes - Monaco  
Bordeaux - Lyon  
Lille - Strasbourg  
Bastia - Le Havre  
Paris SG - Rennes  
St. Etienne - Montpellier  
Nice - Metz  
Gueugnon - Cannes  
Martigues - Auxerre  
Gueugnon - Lens

**Round 13** 14-10 13-3  
Auxerre - Nice  
Metz - Bordeaux  
Monaco - Gueugnon  
Rennes - Lille  
Cannes - Nantes  
Lyon - Paris SG  
Montpellier - Bastia  
Strasbourg - Gueugnon  
Lens - Martigues  
Le Havre - St. Etienne

**Round 14** 21-10 23-3  
Nantes - Lyon  
Bordeaux - Rennes  
Lille - Metz  
Bastia - Strasbourg  
Paris SG - Auxerre  
St. Etienne - Lens  
Nice - Martigues  
Gueugnon - Le Havre  
Gueugnon - Cannes  
Monaco - Montpellier

**Round 15** 27-10 30-3  
Auxerre - Lille  
Martigues - Bordeaux  
Metz - Paris SG  
Rennes - Nice  
Cannes - Monaco  
Lyon - Bastia  
Montpellier - Gueugnon  
Strasbourg - St. Etienne  
Lens - Gueugnon  
Le Havre - Nantes

**Round 16** 4-11 9-4  
Nantes - Montpellier  
Bordeaux - Auxerre  
Lille - Martigues  
Bastia - Metz  
Paris SG - Nice  
St. Etienne - Rennes  
Gueugnon - Lyon  
Gueugnon - Le Havre  
Monaco - Lens  
Cannes - Strasbourg

**Round 17** 8-11 20-4  
Auxerre - Bastia  
Nice - Lille  
Martigues - Paris SG  
Metz - St. Etienne  
Rennes - Gueugnon  
Lyon - Gueugnon  
Montpellier - Cannes  
Strasbourg - Nantes  
Lens - Bordeaux  
Le Havre - Monaco

**Round 18** 18-11 27-4  
Nantes - Rennes  
Bordeaux - Nice  
Lille - Paris SG  
Bastia - Martigues  
St. Etienne - Auxerre  
Gueugnon - Metz  
Gueugnon - Strasbourg  
Monaco - Lyon  
Cannes - Le Havre  
Montpellier - Lens

**Round 19** 25-11 11-5  
Auxerre - Gueugnon  
Paris SG - Bordeaux  
Nice - Bastia  
Martigues - St. Etienne  
Metz - Nantes  
Rennes - Gueugnon  
Lyon - Lille  
Strasbourg - Monaco  
Lens - Cannes  
Le Havre - Montpellier

**Round 20** 2-12 12-3  
Auxerre - Real Sociedad  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Compostela  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 21** 9-12 19-5  
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Valencia  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 22** 16-12 12-3  
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Valencia  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 23** 23-12 19-5  
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Valencia  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 24** 30-12 12-3  
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Valencia  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

**Round 25** 6-1 12-3  
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid  
Real Madrid - Espanol  
Barcelona - Valencia  
Valencia - Real Madrid  
Sevilla - Zaragoza  
Ath. Bilbao - Mérida  
La Coruña - Oviedo  
Betis - Rayo Vallecano  
Mérída - Celta

## FRANCE

## HOLLAND

**Round 1** 20-8 17-12  
Fortuna - PSV  
Roda JC - Heerenveen  
Willem II - Sparta  
Go Ahead - Groningen  
RKC - NAC  
Feyenoord - Vitesse  
Volendam - Twente  
Ajax - Utrecht  
De Graafschap - NEC

**Round 2** 27-8  
Groningen - Fortuna  
NEC - Ajax  
Heerenveen - RKC  
Go Ahead - Willem II  
Twente - Feyenoord  
Vitesse - Roda JC  
Sparta - De Graafschap  
NAC - PSV  
Utrecht - Volendam

**Round 3** 10-9  
RKC - Vitesse  
Willem II - Fortuna  
PSV - Heerenveen  
Roda JC - Twente  
NEC - Utrecht  
Ajax - Sparta  
Feyenoord - Volendam  
De Graafschap - Go Ahead  
Go Ahead - NAC

**Round 4** 17-9  
Heerenveen - Groningen  
Sparta - NEC  
Fortuna - De Graafschap  
Vitesse - PSV  
NAC - Willem II  
Volendam - Roda JC  
Twente - RKC  
Go Ahead - Ajax  
Utrecht - Feyenoord



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## DIRECTORY

### Round 5 20-9

De Graafschap - NAC  
RKC - Volendam  
Roda JC - Feyenoord  
Groningen - Vitesse  
Sparta - Utrecht  
NEC - Go Ahead  
PSV - Twente  
Ajax - Fortuna  
Willem II - Heerenveen

### Round 6 24-9

Go Ahead - Sparta  
Heerenveen - De Graafschap  
Volendam - PSV  
Fortuna - NEC  
Utrecht - Roda JC  
Feyenoord - RKC  
Twente - Groningen  
Vitesse - Willem II  
NAC - Ajax

### Round 7 1-10

Willem II - Twente  
Go Ahead - Utrecht  
NEC - NAC  
De Graafschap - Vitesse  
Sparta - Fortuna  
PSV - Feyenoord  
RKC - Roda JC  
Groningen - Volendam  
Heerenveen - Ajax

### Round 8 4-10

Fortuna - Go Ahead  
Ajax - Vitesse  
Roda JC - PSV  
Volendam - Willem II  
De Graafschap - Twente  
NEC - Heerenveen  
NAC - Sparta  
RKC - Utrecht  
Feyenoord - Groningen

### Round 9 15-10

PSV - RKC  
Go Ahead - NAC  
Groningen - Roda JC  
Utrecht - Fortuna  
Heerenveen - Sparta  
Volendam - De Graafschap  
Willem II - Feyenoord  
Twente - Ajax  
Vitesse - NEC

### Round 10 22-10

NAC - Utrecht  
Sparta - Twente  
De Graafschap - Roda JC  
Willem II - RKC  
Fortuna - Heerenveen  
Go Ahead - Vitesse  
NEC - Volendam  
PSV - Groningen  
Feyenoord - Ajax

### Round 11 25-10

Utrecht - PSV  
Twente - NEC  
RKC - Groningen  
Roda JC - Willem II  
Sparta - Vitesse  
Heerenveen - Go Ahead  
NAC - Fortuna  
Ajax - Volendam  
Feyenoord - De Graafschap

### Round 12 29-10

PSV - Willem II  
Heerenveen - NAC  
Ajax - Roda JC  
De Graafschap - RKC  
NEC - Feyenoord  
Twente - Go Ahead  
Vitesse - Fortuna  
Groningen - Utrecht  
Volendam - Sparta

### Round 13 5-11

Go Ahead - Volendam  
Willem II - Groningen  
Fortuna - Twente  
NEC - Roda JC  
Sparta - Feyenoord  
NAC - Vitesse  
Utrecht - Heerenveen  
Ajax - PSV  
Groningen - De Graafschap

### Round 14 19-11

Roda JC - Sparta  
PSV - De Graafschap  
Volendam - Fortuna  
RKC - NEC  
Ajax - Groningen  
Feyenoord - Go Ahead  
Twente - NAC  
Vitesse - Heerenveen  
Utrecht - Willem II

### Round 15 26-11

RKC - Ajax  
Fortuna - Feyenoord  
Heerenveen - Twente  
NAC - Volendam  
Go Ahead - Roda JC  
NEC - PSV  
Sparta - RKC  
Vitesse - Utrecht  
De Graafschap - Willem II

### Round 16 3-12

Roda JC - Fortuna  
PSV - Sparta  
De Graafschap - Utrecht  
Willem II - Ajax  
RKC - Go Ahead  
Feyenoord - NAC  
Volendam - Heerenveen  
Twente - Vitesse  
Groningen - NEC

### Round 17 10-12

Heerenveen - Feyenoord  
Fortuna - RKC  
Go Ahead - PSV  
NAC - Roda JC  
NEC - Willem II  
Ajax - De Graafschap  
Vitesse - Volendam  
Sparta - Groningen  
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